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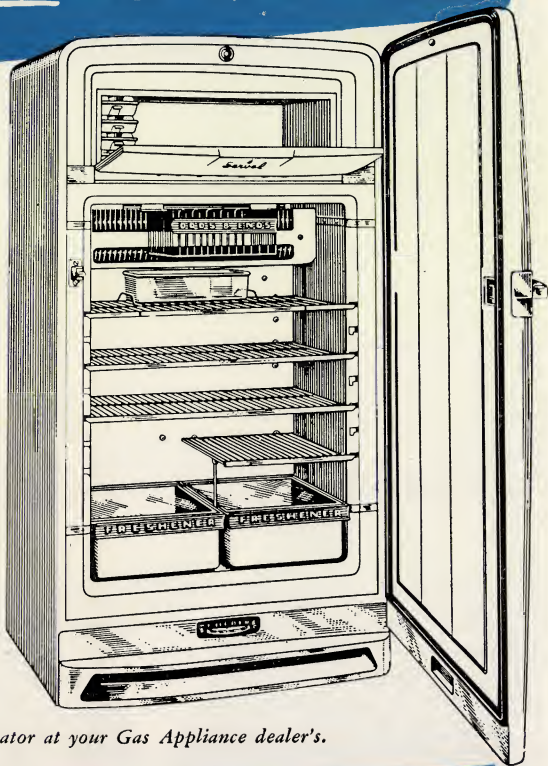
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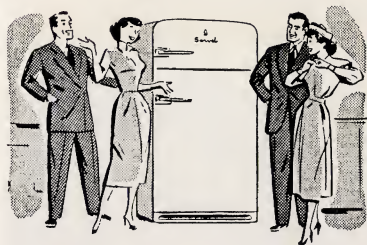
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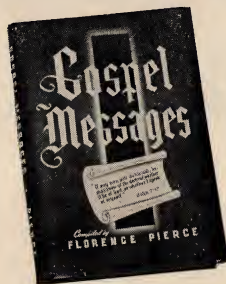
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SHORTLY after the American Thanksgiving, 1921, the president of the European Mission, Elder Orson F. Whitney of the Council of the Twelve, sat down in his office at 295 Edge Lane, Liverpool, England, and wrote his weekly editorial for *The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star*. On Thursday, December 8, 1921, it appeared on pages 776-778 of volume eighty-three under the title, "The Man for the Hour," reviewing the personalities and accomplishments of the Presidents of the Church from Joseph Smith to Heber J. Grant. The editorial, from the hands of one of our most gifted writers, concluded:

Every thoughtful reader of this article, if a Latter-day Saint, will agree with its author in the view that each succeeding President of the Church ought to vary in some respects from all other incumbents of that high and holy position. For this reason: The work of the Lord is always progressing, and consequently always changing—not its principles, nor its aims; but its plans, its instruments, and its methods of procedure. These are constantly changing, in order to meet new conditions and profit by them. Hence a variety of leaders is essential. To-day is not Yesterday, nor will Tomorrow be To-day. The Lord provides the men and the means whereby he can best work at any given time, for the carrying out of his wise and sublime purposes. The Man for the Hour will be ready whenever the Hour strikes.



Twenty-four hours after these words appeared in print, Elder Whitney had the pleasure of welcoming to his Durham House office in Liverpool the man for whom the hour struck in 1951—Elder David O. McKay, en route to his home with Hugh J. Cannon, after a significant world-wide mission tour.

As the ninth President of the Church, President David O. McKay takes the helm in an unusual age. The modern state system has collapsed under the pressure of industrial technology and twentieth century wars. The interdependence of mankind emerges as a daily matter of fact. The search for an organizing principle for human society and individual conduct is the most urgent of all necessities, and there are many candidacies and pseudo-candidacies for the trial. The individual, the family, the community, individual nations, and international organizations each twist and turn, often falling backwards upon

themselves, in the search for the organizing principle. George Santayana, one-time Harvard philosophy professor, writing in his eighty-eighth year from the shelter of a Roman convent, says that perhaps chaos "is at the bottom of everything" as the organizing principle; and that the Soviets may be the preferable organizers of the future. Such views merely demonstrate the futility of much modern thinking as educated pessimism. It is faith, courage, and informed inspiration that the modern scene requires.

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As the man for the hour in 1951, President McKay builds on the platforms reared by his predecessors. To the structure now comes a man not only with faith, courage, and tremendous inspiration, but also the first of the line to have circumnavigated the globe. To the world-view and outlook of the Prophet Joseph Smith is now added the experience of a man who has himself seen much of the world and its peoples: Hawaii, Japan, Korea, China, Tahiti, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, Australia, Java, Singapore, and the Straits Settlements, Penang, Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Agra, Bombay, the Middle East including Syria and the Holy Land; the Mediterranean, and Europe. It was at the call of President Heber J. Grant, in 1920, that President McKay with his companion Elder Cannon undertook this world-wide mission. A few months after its completion he was called to replace Elder Orson F. Whitney as president of the European Mission, where for a number of years he came intimately to know the lands, peoples, and problems of that strategic area.

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In the composition of the new quorum of the First Presidency it is also of interest to note that President Stephen L. Richards within recent years has undertaken special missions to South America and to Europe. Completing the Quorum, of long and distinguished experience, President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., as counselor to

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Our cover this month features President Stephen L. Richards, first counselor in the First Presidency. The original photograph is the work of Boyart Studio. It is the third of five portraits to be used as covers. Yet to be published are four-color portraits of President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and of President Joseph Fielding Smith.

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SIX NEW members have been appointed to the general boards of the Mutual Improvement Associations.

ELDER Ted Bushman, who becomes a member of the special interest committee, was born in Lehi, Utah, the son of Martin I. and Ruia Holden Bushman. He majored in art and advertising at Brigham Young University and attended art schools in both Los Angeles and San Francisco. He has recently returned to Salt Lake City after spending fourteen years in Portland, Oregon. While in Portland, Elder Bushman served in the Irvington Ward bishopric, was president of the Portland Stake high priests' quorum, and for six years was a member of the stake high council, serving on the stake Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood committees. Since returning to Salt Lake City he has been active in the leadership of Aaronic Priesthood quorums in the Bonneville Ward, Bonneville Stake. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Lyman, are the parents of two sons and a daughter.



TED BUSHMAN

L. CLAIR LIKES

ELDER L. Clair Likes, who has been assigned to the drama committee, is the son of Dora Ellis and Agnes Cunningham Likes, and was born at Teton, Idaho. He holds a master of arts degree in drama from the University of Utah, also having studied at Utah State Agricultural College and Ricks College. His dramatic productions include *Caviar and Cabbage* and *The Days of '47*, the latter of which was produced at the University of Utah stadium. As a member of the Nauvoo-to-Salt-Lake-Valley centennial memo-

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rial trek of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in 1947, he was co-author and co-director of the dramatic sketches given along the route. From his youth he has been active in ward and stake drama festivals. He has served as a member of the bishopric of both the Wasatch and the Mountaire wards in Salt Lake City, and has filled a two-year stake mission. His wife is the former Eula Waldram. They have had three children, two daughters and a son, Jerry Clair, who recently was killed.

ELDER Armond F. Carr, who has been called to the dance committee, was born in Salt Lake City, the son of Franklin Gallard and Rebecca Hansen Carr. He filled a mission for the Church in Australia, organizing the first M. I. A. festival at Brisbane. During the centennial year of the Church he wrote and directed the pageant which was presented for the first Australian conclave of elders and Saints at Melbourne, Victoria. Returning from his mission, he became a member of the stake board, and then assistant superintendent. He has filled Mutual and Sunday School assignments in the Highland Park, Stratford, and Imperial wards, and on a stake level in the Highland Stake. He has studied at the old L.D.S. University and at the University of Utah. At this call to the general board he was speech director of the Wilford Stake. His wife is the former Grace Kimball, and the couple are the parents of two daughters.



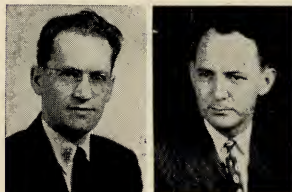
ARMOND F. CARR MARGARET R. JACKSON

MRS. MARGARET R. JACKSON, who is assigned to the Mia Maid committee, was born in Colonia Juarez, Mexico, where her father had been called to preside over the

L. D. S. colonies. When a small child, she came to Utah with her parents, Junius and Gertrude Stowell Romney. She attended the Salt Lake City schools, the L. D. S. University, and the University of Utah. She has been actively engaged in M. I. A. work for the past several years in the Bonneville (Salt Lake City) Stake, most recently teaching the Junior Gleaners in the Bonneville Ward. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Bonneville Stake L. D. S. Girls committee before it was incorporated into the Y. W. M. I. A. program a year ago. She is also a former counselor in the Y. W. M. I. A. presidency in the Yale Ward. Mrs. Jackson has been especially active in the University of Utah Alumni Association. Her husband is Junius M. Jackson, a counselor in the Bonneville Stake presidency. They are the parents of a daughter and three sons.

ELDER Richard L. Gunn, who has been assigned to the M Men-Gleaner committee, is the son of B. LeRoy and Fanny Louise Ensign Gunn. He is a professional artist and a member of the art faculty of Brigham Young University, where he did both his undergraduate and graduate work. He filled a mission to the Hawaiian Islands. He has been active in Mutual, Sunday School, and genealogical matters in the wards in which he has resided in Salt Lake City, Springville, and Provo. At the time of this call to the general board he was a member of the Sharon Stake Sunday School board. During the war he enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the Army, and was attached to the first B-29 unit in Asia. This unit became the nucleus of the twentieth bomber command for the headquarters of the air offensive to China and

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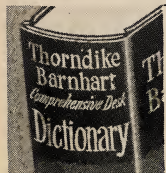


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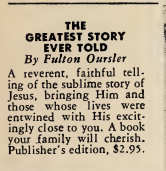
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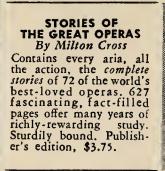


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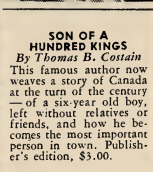


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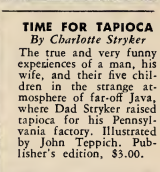


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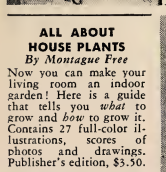


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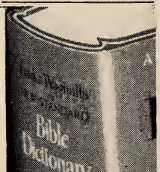
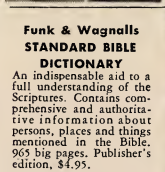
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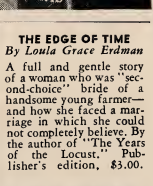
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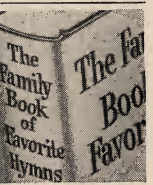
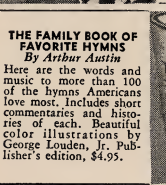
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THE CHURCH MOVES ON

A Day To Day Chronology Of Church Events

May 1951

2 TED BUSHMAN, L. Clair Likes, and Armond F. Carr appointed to the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association general board.

5 UTAH spent a greater proportion of its state funds for education than any other state in the Union, figures released by the United States Bureau of the Census indicated. Utah school and college costs took 35.6 percent of the total budget. The national average was 21.3 percent. District school expenditures from local funds were not included in that figure.

6 ELDER John Fredrick Hobson sustained as president of Summit (Utah) Stake, with Elders Roy A. Richins and Amos Eugene Pace as counselors. Released were President Joseph Edgar Beard and his counselors, Elders W. E. Calderwood and Leonard Brown.

Eager Ward chapel, St. Johns (Arizona) Stake, dedicated by Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of the Twelve.

9 It was announced that three thousand copies of President Stephen L. Richards' recent Church of the Air address "Kinship of Spirits" were being sent to camps and navy bases for distribution to servicemen.

12 THE First Presidency announced that Elder Arthur Glaus, now a missionary in the East German Mission, had been appointed to succeed President Walter Stover who has presided in the East German Mission since 1946. President Glaus is a former bishop of the Twenty-fifth Ward, Pioneer (Salt Lake City) Stake. His wife will join him.

Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards participated in ground-breaking ceremonies of a new \$3,500,000 Missouri River bridge, to be named "The Mormon Pioneer Memorial Bridge," which will connect Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, in the same section where the Pioneers wintered in 1846-47.

On this and the succeeding day faculty members of Brigham Young University joined General Authorities and members of the Church welfare committee in addressing stake conference sessions. The faculty members

explained the advantages of Brigham Young University training. B. Y. U. representatives will address stake conference sessions throughout the summer.

13 AARONIC PRIESTHOOD restoration programs were held in sacrament meetings in many of the wards.

Mother's Day was featured in many of the Sunday Schools of the Church.

Elder Wendell S. Lambert sustained as president of the Nevada Stake, with Elders Clair M. Gudmundson and R. Scott Haynes as counselors. They succeed President Fred C. Horlacher and his counselors, Elders C. Layton Galbraith and William J. Hemingway.

President Antoine R. Ivins of the First Council of the Seventy dedicated the chapel of the Rangely, Colorado, Branch, Uintah Stake.

Elder Marion G. Romney, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, dedicated the chapel of the Plano Ward, North Rexburg (Idaho) Stake.

14 IT WAS announced from Philadelphia that President David O. McKay had accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address at the sixty-seventh annual commencement at Temple University, June 14. President McKay will be one of five prominent Americans to receive honorary doctorates at the services.

15 PRESIDENT Fred W. Schwendiman of the Wells (Salt Lake City) Stake became chairman of the Pioneer Region of the Church welfare program. He succeeds Carl W. Buehner, now a member of the general committee. President Alex F. Dunn of the Tooele (Utah) Stake is first vice-chairman, and President A. Lewis Elggren of the Liberty (Salt Lake City) Stake is second vice-chairman.

16 APPOINTMENT of LaVern Watts Parmley as general president of the Primary Association announced. She succeeds the late Adele Cannon Howells, whom she served as first counselor. President Parmley's counselors are Arta Matthews Hale and Florence Holbrook Richards.

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir received an award from the National Federation of Music Clubs for national musical service. The federation was holding its convention in Salt Lake City.

Richard L. Gunn and Wendell E. Adams appointed to the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

Margaret R. Jackson appointed to the general board of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

17 MORE than two hundred fifty dancers from the Salt Lake area who will participate in the M. I. A. Festival on June 16 gave a demonstration to the delegates of the National Festival of Music.

18 SECOND annual All-Church volleyball tournament began in Salt Lake City under the direction of the Y. M. M. I. A.

It was announced that President David O. McKay would give the baccalaureate address at Brigham Young University June 3 and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree from that Church university on graduation day, June 4.

19 A THOUSAND-VOICE M. I. A. youth chorus sang for the National Festival of Music in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

Redondo Beach (southern California) Ward won the volleyball tournament by defeating Hoytsville (Utah) Ward. Pocatello Fifth (Idaho) Ward, was awarded third place; Capitol Hill (Salt Lake City) Ward, fourth place; Waterloo (Salt Lake City) Ward, fifth (consolation); Forest Dale (Salt Lake City) Ward, sixth.

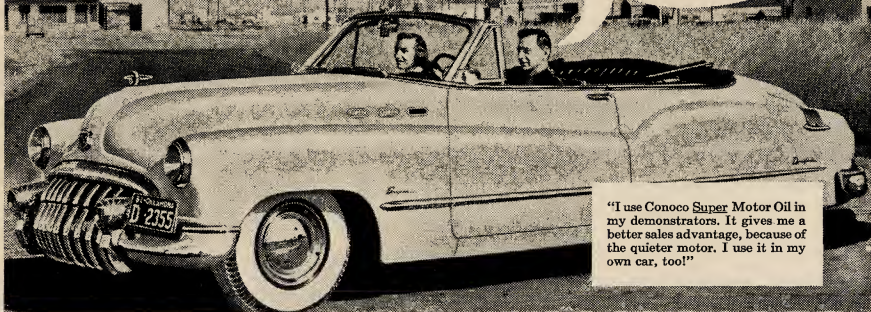
It was announced that President David O. McKay would deliver the commencement day address at the University of Utah, June 9.

20 FRESNO STAKE created from portions of the Northern California Mission, with Elder Alwyn C. Sessions sustained as stake president, and Elders Eldon J. Callister and Ralph A. Macdonald as counselors. Chowchilla Ward formed from Chowchilla Branch, with Elder Paul J. Christofferson as bishop; Fresno First Ward from East Fresno Branch, with Elder Floyd H. Gibson as bishop; Fresno Second Ward from North Fresno Branch, with Elder Dallas A. Tueller as bishop; Merced Ward from Merced Branch, with Elder Arden Hutchings as bishop; Visalia Ward

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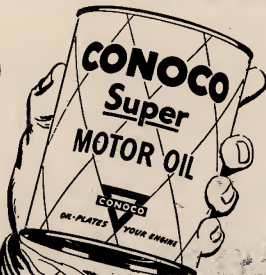
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President Stephen L Richards

June 18, 1879—Born at Mendon, Cache County, Utah, the son of Stephen Longstroth and Emma Louise Stayner Richards.

1895-98—Attended University of Utah.

February 21, 1900—Married Irene Merrill. 1901-02—Principal Malad (Idaho) public school.

1902-03—Attended University of Michigan Law School.

June 1904—Graduated *cum laude* from University of Chicago Law School. 1904—Admitted to the bar of the state of Utah.

1905-06—Murray City (Utah) Attorney. 1906—Called as a member of the Deseret Sunday School Union general board.

1908-1917—Instructor, University of Utah, School of Law.

April 4, 1909—Sustained as second assistant general superintendent, Deseret Sunday School Union.

Secretary Utah State Bar Association.

Vice President for Utah of American Bar Association

Member, Utah State Board of Corrections. January 17, 1917—Ordained an Apostle.

November 27, 1918—Sustained as first assistant general superintendent, Deseret Sunday School Union.

May 9, 1919—Called as Assistant Church Commissioner of Education.

July 16, 1919—Appointed member, general Church board of education.

1922-23—President, Beet Sugar Finance Corporation (utilized by War Finance Corporation to disburse funds to save beet sugar industry in several western states).

October 31, 1934—Released as first assistant general superintendent, Deseret Sunday School Union.

1934—Adviser to general board of Deseret Sunday School Union.

1934—Utah State Chairman, Civil Works Administration.

1939-41—Member, Board of Regents—University of Utah.

June 29, 1942—Offered the invocation at a session of the United States Senate.

1943—*The Church in War and Peace*, a book which grew out of a series of radio sermons, came from the press. 1948—Special mission tour of the South America missions.

1950—Special mission tour of the European missions.

April 8, 1951—Sustained as first counselor in the First Presidency at a special meeting in the Salt Lake Temple.

April 9, 1951—Sustained as first counselor in the First Presidency at the solemn assembly, held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

April 12, 1951—Set apart as first counselor in the First Presidency by President David O. McKay.

April 1951—First vice-president, board of trustees, Brigham Young University.

President Stephen L Richards is affiliated with the following businesses:

President and owner, Wasatch Land & Improvement Co. which operates the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

Vice-president, director, member of executive committee Utah First National Bank

Vice-president, director, member of executive committee, Z. C. M. I.

Vice-president, director, member of executive committee, Granite Furniture Co.

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Director, member of executive committee, Zion's Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Director, member of executive committee, Hotel Utah Co.

Director, member of executive committee, Utah Power and Light Co.

Director, Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.

Director, Heber J. Grant & Co.

Director, Utah Home Fire Insurance Co.

Director, Utah Oil Refining Co.

Director, Whitmore Oxygen Co.

YOUR NEED OF ME

By Bertha A. Kleinman

PERCHANCE I may not pass again this way,

And yet I may, for who of us can say Where trails may cross—the high road and the low,

Or what re-tracing byways I must go?

Just this I know—the crossroads open wide And there your need bestirs me to abide,

To share the bounty I had thought my own,

And so I wend no more my way alone.

I may not cruise again this restless sea; And yet I may, for should you beckon me Like some wayfaring pilgrim of the night, I shall be there to set your sail aright. That as the dusk shuts down its mystery, You yet shall walk by faith because of me.

I may not tread again this mundane sphere, And yet I may, for heaven may be here, And this I know as days and decades wane,

And earth her long-lost Eden shall regain, Her gardens shall my lasting refuge be. Only as you shall still have need of me.

THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

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Young Explorer ~ ~ By EVA WILLES WANGSGAARD

SAY, did you ever lose a boy and search
All through a quiet town from door to
door—

His tree house empty in the silent birch.
His open book discarded on the floor?
And did you trudge along a bank where grass
Grew tough and sharp, and part a willow
screen

While blackbirds screeched, forbidding you
to pass?

And clutch a supple, leafy branch to lean
Above the water, half afraid to look
And yet more frightened not to? Running
back

To search a shed or some remembered nook?
Or check a thought of sleep in mow or stack?
Then hear a shout releasing fear's taut bands?
Your heartbeats stop, then give a sudden
jump

Before his freckled grin, his outstretched
hands

And pockets full of treasures from the dump?
He is aglow with new experience.

He had no thought of disobedience.
He does not comprehend his own demand
To know the world, to hold it in his hand.
Your fear bewilders him, and like his father
He'll wonder all his life why women bother.



FOREIGN BORN

By Leone E. McCune

I SAW her coming down the street,
Her faded coat too short to guard
Her limbs against the cold. Her eyes
Deep set and shadowed, holding still
The images of suffering.
The desolation she had seen.
Her lips smiled briefly as we met.
She opened up an old cloth bag;
Her trembling fingers lifted clothes
Discarded by another's child.
She touched her purse, "I've money, too,
For food. I work for lady nice
And good." Her joy had made her young
Again. "I'm glad, so glad for you,"
I said. And went my way along
The peaceful street and thought of all
Our precious gifts accepted, oh,
So casually—this land so free.
But God, let each one be aware
Of his small part to keep it so!

THE ADOBE CITIES

By Margery S. Stewart

THERE is much, much here under the
Pioneer soil, under the lost sage,
The sego lilies gone . . . the outcast
Sunflowers taking their spurned gold
To the far edges of the towns. There
is a crumbling of the first cities. . . .
Adobe brick breaking under the iron
Shovel's teeth. Granite from the golden
Hills broken, too, cast aside for cinder
Block, concrete, and steel. Tomorrow is
Building her own cities, digging past
The Indian bones and the wagon wheels.
Reaching high, high above the sea gulls
And the radio's antennae and the tele-
vision
Towers. There is a stretching here, past
The plane's stroke, higher, higher still.
There is a running of the finger's edge
Along the sky's rim; the almost touching
Of planets, the lengthening Jacob's ladder.
There is much, much here under the
pioneer
Soil, diamond studded dust that will project
Us into a heaven greater than they
dreamed.
They, whose cities are beginning to fall
Small chipped edges of adobe into dust.

TREES

By Thelma Ireland

SOME folks grow trees for fruit or flower,
For shade or looks or shelter,
But I like trees that grow themselves,
No purpose, helter-skelter.
For that kind make the best slingshots
And weiner sticks and things,
And always wear a welcome sign
For tree houses and swings.

SWING SONG

By Elaine V. Emans

A swing with no one in it must be lonely,
But a child without a swing, day in,
day out,
Misses a pleasure granted to one only
Sitting or standing on a board the stout
Rope holds for him, and swinging into air
With joy which he cannot put into words.
But shouts instead! Without an earthly
care,
He enters buoyantly the realm of birds,
And grows more rash with power as he
pumps,
Or begs someone to push him still more
high—
Before he slows a bit and bravely jumps,
Or, blessed with leisure, lets the old cat die.
Matching his mood to his diminished speed.
A child without a swing is poor indeed.

FACES IN GRANITE

(Mount Rushmore)

By Hattie B. Maughan

I STAND before thee frustrate,
Puny with fear and foreboding.
Blatant clang of battle
Loud in my ears.
You great ones, granite hewn!
You, too, knew your wars and rumors of
wars.
But now the brow of Washington is
calm:
His penetrating gaze imperturbable.
Jefferson, who braved the formulative
years,
Seeing the tides of liberty ebb and flow,
Now stands immutable.
The wisdom of ages on his sensitive face.
And Lincoln—the face still somewhat in
the rough
As was his nature in the flesh,
Now from his granite mold
Gazes benignly on our craven fear
The sorrow of the slave chain lifted from
his brow.
And, jutting out between his mighty
predecessors,
The aggressive visage of Teddy Roosevelt
Even he content and seemingly serene.
I bow in awe of your detached omniscience,
Pondering the imponderable.
What see you in the past you helped to
build
Or in the future yet to be.
That leaves you undismayed:
Cloud-wrapped or sun-kissed
Unchanging as the seasons?
In this morass of greed—this lusting
power-mad world,
Find you one statesman, worthy the name
To take his post beside you
Forgetting self to serve his fellow men?
Is that the secret of your tranquility?
God grant it so!

COUNTRY CUSTOM, MEXICO

By Yetza Gillespie

"A BLESSING on the house, on all with-
in."
The stranger at the door calls clear
The good warm words, and if no one is
there,
They are not lost. The angels hear.

Maybe nobody answers, folk or angel,
And yet it is a thing well-done,
As if a man stepped through the chilly
night
Into the morning sun.

ACCOMPANIMENT

By Catherine E. Berry

MY busy hands wash dishes, polish glass,
Arrange the plates to best show off
the flowers;
I scarcely notice how the time may pass;
These simple, homely chores fill all my
hours;
And yet my mind revolves and twists
and turns;
A thousand subjects leap to prominence;
A poem, like a jeweled star, first burns
While I am draping rugs upon the fence.

I cannot hold them back, these words that
sing.
They heat upon my heart while I knead
bread.
Sweet, simple songs or lilting lyrics bring
Triumphant notes that whirl around my
head.
I wash and iron and sweep and dust all
day,
Accompanied by a joyous roundelay!

GRATITUDE

By Angelyn W. Wadley

YES, I have known despair.
She took me by the hand
And led me through desolate, haunted
hours
Of the night.
She might have kept me where
She dwells in darkness;
But you found me there
And brought your love and faith
To guide me safely
Back to light.

HOMESTEAD

By Queena Davison Miller

THE mind may travel where it will;
The mind may roam and dally;
The heart will know its own green hill
And claim its own green valley.



Witnesses to the TRUTH

By President David O. McKay

HOW MAY we know God? How may we feel a nearness to him? Young people are earnestly asking these and other eternal questions, and they long for the answers.

In the world today belief in Jesus Christ is too perfunctory, too conventional. The conviction of Christ as deity does not seem to possess the souls of men, and yet the reality of God the Father, the reality of Jesus the Christ, the risen Lord, is a truth which should possess every human soul, for God is the center of the human mind as surely as the sun is the center of this universe, and once we feel his Fatherhood, once we feel his nearness, once we sense the divinity, the deity of the Savior, the truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ follow as naturally as the day the night, and as night the day.

There are three ways, among others, in which we should like to ask the young people of Israel, particularly, to seek their God and to feel his nearness. One is to think, to reason. Though reason to the soul may be only "as the borrowed rays of moon and stars to lonely, weary, wandering traveler—" yet it is a guide and will lead us to him. Too few men use it positively with a desire to know the truth.

Another pathway is to accept the witness of men who have known him, who have seen him. I think we pay too little attention to the value of these witnesses. The very first act of the Twelve after Christ's ascension was to choose a man from among those who had been eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection. That was what they wanted the Apostle to be who was to take Judas' place—a witness of his resurrection. (Read in the first chapter of Acts.)

Mind you, many men in the world today accept Christ as a great teacher, but that is not the fact which is going to transform their souls. He was a great teacher, the greatest

teacher of men, but he was also Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, the divine Redeemer of the world, and a member of the Godhead—and it is he of whom I speak when I plead for young men to come close to him.

The early Apostles were to be witnesses of the resurrected Christ in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. And let me here say that we ought not to question the integrity of these men. I believe in them; I cannot believe that they wanted to deceive; I cannot believe that they were deceived—I cannot. In the measurement of time we are a long way from them, I know; but if we study carefully their lives and their histories, we shall find that their testimonies are reliable and that the integrity of their lives is unquestioned.

These men who were to be witnesses declared before their enemies, the very men who had put Jesus Christ to death on the cross, that they had seen the risen Lord. Here is Peter's testimony given immediately after the resurrection:

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

"Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. . . .

"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 2:22-24, 32.) (Italics author's.)

Ah, but the doubting critic says, and he says conscientiously, if we had absolute proof that this was Peter's testimony, it would have force. But the author—Luke—received the witness personally of the men who saw Jesus Christ after he was resurrected. We

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know from authentic sources that Luke was in Rome with Mark, and also that Mark was in Jerusalem at the time that these great events took place. We know that Luke was in the house of Philip, the evangelist, and stayed many days at Caesarea. We know that at that time he went to Jerusalem and conferred with James who presided over the Church at Jerusalem—James the brother of the Lord, who had accepted the gospel after the resurrection. The testimony of James, Luke heard, and in all probability the testimony of Peter, because Peter was there as one of the leaders when Luke went up to Jerusalem on that occasion. Men were living, five hundred of them at that time, who had seen the resurrected Lord. What about the integrity of these witnesses? What right had Luke to suspect them? He did not; he accepted their testimony as valid, and their testimony of the resurrected Lord convinced him of the divinity of the work of Jesus Christ to which he subscribed and of which he became a member.

He heard from Paul, day after day and night after night, the testimony that he gave, and if there is any question about the direct testimony of Peter, we have the direct testimony of Paul. Paul testifies that he saw the risen Lord. With that testimony you are all acquainted. He further testifies that the risen Lord was seen of Cephas (Peter), "... then of the twelve:

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

"After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

"And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." (1 Cor. 15:5-8.)

I cannot doubt that testimony. Why can the world? This testimony is of the *resurrected* Lord, not Jesus the teacher, not the Jesus of Nazareth, but Jesus the Lord, the Redeemer of mankind.

Let me call your attention to another witness nearer to us than the ancient Apostles—the testimony of Joseph Smith the Prophet who is practically of our generation. In

measurement of time, Cephas, Paul, Luke, and others are a long way from us. But Joseph Smith testified that the risen Lord appeared to him, that he was introduced by the Father, who said, "This is my Beloved Son; hear him." If that testimony stood alone it would be, as Christ said his testimony would be, of no avail when he spoke of himself. But Joseph Smith has other witnesses whose integrity cannot be questioned. Of Joseph's wonderful testimony, I am merely suggesting a line of thought that young men may follow and come nearer to a conviction of the divinity of Jesus the Christ if they will be conscientious and true, and not "play pranks with their souls," but be honest as Joseph Smith was honest, and as these other men were honest to death in their testimonies.

Three witnesses corroborated Joseph Smith's wonderful vision, and in that testimony which they give they bear record of another truth, the immortality of man: For if Jesus Christ lived after death, and the angel Moroni came as these three witnesses declared, then you and I will live after death! Man is immortal. Oh, what a wonderful revelation, what it means to men who now but perfunctorily and in a conventional manner accept the gospel of Christ! These three men testified:

"Be it known unto all nations, kindred, tongues, and people, unto

FLASHING WINGS

By Manfred A. Carter

IN DREAMS, I harvested the summer light
And walked on grass but never bent it
down;
My moving hands were swifter than my
sight—
I mocked the sun, like some immortal
clown.
Where strange bright motion on a flower
bell
Came in my dream, I caught a humming-
bird
Above that gold and crimson color spell—
Its throbbing, soundless fear could not be
heard.
Those flashing wings lay crippled in my
palm,
With heaven's shining motion weak and
slow,
My heedless hands had brought a mortal
calm.
It was too late to let those bright wings go.
Then slow tears washed my mournful
soul awake,
I knew some dreams are not for hands
to take,

whom this work shall come: That we, through the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, *have seen the plates* which contain this record, which is a record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, their brethren, and also of the people of Jared, who came from the tower of which hath been spoken. And we also know that they have been translated by the gift and power of God, for *his voice hath declared it unto us.*

"Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, Martin Harris."

In Palmyra some years ago I read in one of the local papers a testimony, or memorandum, given by a man who knew these three witnesses personally. He never joined the Church, but in that local paper I read this testimony of the integrity of one of these witnesses:

John H. Gilbert, on September 8, 1892, the man who set the type of the Book of Mormon, says this of Martin Harris:

"Martin Harris was a good farmer owning a farm of about one hundred and fifty acres about a mile north of Palmyra village, and had money at interest. Martin, as everybody called him, was considered by his neighbors a very honest man."

Martin, the honest man, says to the world, "God's voice declared to us that the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated are true; an angel of God came down and he brought and laid before our eyes, that we beheld and saw the records."

"A very honest man," bears the witness; why should we doubt it?

In Pittsburgh years ago, I heard President B. H. Roberts bear witness in a most inspirational meeting, that he heard David Whitmer, another of the three special witnesses, testify in these words:

"Young man, if that book (pointing to one of the early editions of the Book of Mormon) is not true, then there is no truth in this, God's world."

The integrity of these three witnesses cannot successfully be questioned.

But there is a greater witness than the witness of men, great as that is. There is a witness of the

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THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

What Does Evolution Teach Today?*

By John A. Widsøe

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ALL LIVING things, plants and animals, are subject to change. Every observer of nature, certainly all plant and animal breeders, know this to be true. It is an unchanging fact of nature. Living things are not static. This is the law of evolution.

In the meaning of this law, Latter-day Saints are the foremost evolutionists in the world. They believe that the immortal spirit of man may eternally approach the likeness of God himself.

The theory or theories of evolution are man's explanations of the multitude of changes observed in nature. Such theories may or may not be correct. They are always subject to change as new facts are discovered.

Until recently one of the theories of evolution based largely upon the work of the great scientist, Charles Darwin, was that man was only a product of changes in organic life, throughout long periods of time. So vigorous was the battle over the proof of this theory, that in the minds of men the law of evolution, a fact of nature, and the theory, man's explanation of the fact, became as one. An evolutionist in those days was a person who held that man descended from the lower animals.

The battle over the evolutionary origin of man became so unseemly that each side looked upon the intelligence of the other with distrust. After many years of swaying opinions, more temperate views now prevail in this field of science. Leading scientists, those of unquestioned authority, have expressed their views upon the matter today.¹ These appear to be quite different from the views of yesterday. Quotations might be made from other numerous students, but the following from distinguished workers well-known in the scientific fraternity, will have to suffice.

1. Dr. Clark Wissler of the anthropographic section, U. S. Museum of Natural History:²

*Read THE IMPROVEMENT ERA, July 1939, p. 417; or John A. Widsøe, *Evidences & Reconciliations*, p. 149.

¹Most of the quotations were assembled by Arthur I. Brown, M.D., in his pamphlet, *Must Young People Believe in Evolution*. Oak Park Ill.

²Clark Wissler, *The Case Against Evolution*, p. 344.

"As far as science has discovered there always was a man, some not so developed, but still human beings in all their functions, much as we are today. . . . Man came out of a blue sky as far as we have been able to delve back."

2. Vernon Kellogg, eminent biologist, trustee, Rockefeller Foundation, and other philanthropic scientific and educational organizations:³

"The fair truth is that the Darwinism selection theories considered with regard to their claimed capacity to be an independently mechanical explanation of descent, stand today seriously discredited in the biological world."

3. Professor L. T. More, Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Cincinnati:⁴

"Unfortunately for Darwin's future reputation every one of his arguments is contradicted by the facts."

4. Dr. D. H. Scott, eminent British botanist:⁵

"A new generation has grown up which knows not Darwin. Is even then evolution not a scientifically ascertained fact? No! We must hold it as an act of faith because there is no alternative."

5. Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, foremost champion of evolution in America:⁶

"If living today, Darwin would be the first to modify his theory. Darwin was brave but wrong."

6. Douglas Dewar, zoologist, Indian Civil Service, Barrister, South Eastern Circuit:⁷

"The breeder, no matter on what animal or plant he experiments, after he has effected a number

of minor changes in any given direction, is suddenly brought to a standstill. In a comparatively short time he reaches a stage at which he cannot accomplish more, no matter how much he try. . . . This fact is fatal to the evolution theory."

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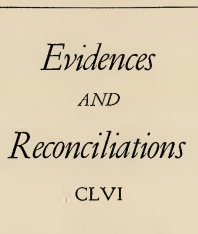
³Vernon Kellogg, *Darwinism To-day*, p. 5.

⁴L. T. More, *The Dogma of Evolution*, p. 194.

⁵Arthur I. Brown, "Must Young People Believe in Evolution," p. 11, Oak Park, Ill.

⁶*Ibid.*, p. 11.

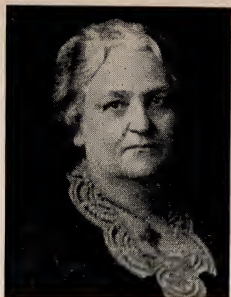
⁷Douglas Dewar, *Difficulties of the Evolution Theory*, p. 91.



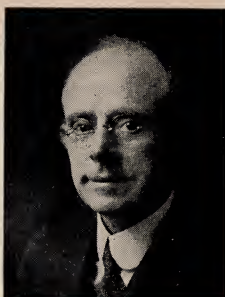
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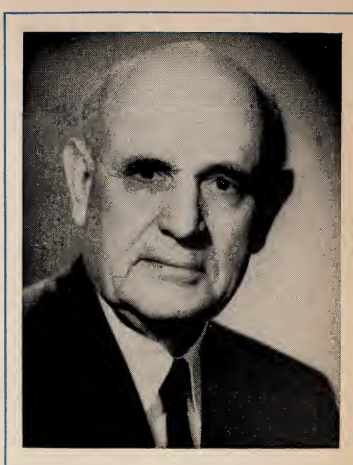
Elder Willard Richards, grandfather of Stephen L. Richards, was second counselor to Brigham Young in the early organization of the Church.



Emma Louise Stayner Richards, mother of President Richards.



Dr. Stephen Langstroth Richards, father of President Richards.



President Stephen L. Richards, First Counselor in the First Presidency.

OF MORE than passing interest is the fact that the three men who today stand at the head of the Church grew up in small Utah farming communities. President David O. McKay was born and reared in Huntsville. President Stephen L. Richards was born in the village of Mendon and spent his early childhood in Farmington. Grantsville was the birthplace of President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and there he lived until he left home to go to school.

Unquestionably the lessons, impressions, and habits of their childhood days have had much to do with the later achievements of these men. Early in life they learned the necessity of getting up in the morning and of doing a day's work. They developed a kinship with the good earth and the honest people who make it fruitful. They became acquainted with nature, her rewards and her penalties. In the simple but stimulating society of those communities, their souls and minds grew with their strengthening bodies. As country boys are wont to do, they dreamed dreams that reached to the blue sky above them and aspired to places far beyond the mountains that surrounded their valley homes.

It is not within the province of this writing to recount the many engaging and at times trying experiences that led them by various paths to the high positions they now occupy. The assignment of this article is a sketch of one of them—President Stephen L. Richards. Space permits only a few facts and observations, which, it is hoped, will give some indication, though inadequate, of the remarkable char-

acter of this man whom God has honored and whom the people of the Church have sustained in the Council of the First Presidency. For forty-five years he has been one of the general officers of the Church, for thirty-four one of the General Authorities. What has qualified him for the important and serious responsibilities he has carried over most of half a century?

First and foremost of his virtues is his testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. With him spiritual knowledge is a sacred thing, a gift from heaven to be treasured and guarded. No one acquainted with

his life can doubt his assurance of the divinity of the work in which he is engaged.

That testimony came young in life. Its taproot drew strength from the faith of his grandfather, Dr. Willard Richards. He it was who left home and friends and profession when the Spirit of the Lord bore witness to his soul of the divinity of the Book of Mormon. Thereafter his lot was cast with the persecuted Saints. And

Sister Irene Merrill Richards about the time of her marriage in 1900.



Elder Richards shortly after his marriage.



An Appreciation of Stephen



Elder and Sister Richards in Brazil in 1948. Sister Richards had just been presented with a corsage of two dozen orchids by the Saints in the Brazilian Mission.



A family group in the backyard of the family home on 218 First Avenue, taken in 1920. Reading from left to right, Baby Richard M., Lois B., Louise, Alice, Center, Georgia, Joseph Albert (dec.), and Philip L. Lynn Stephen, the eldest son, was at this time on a mission to the Eastern States.



The children of President and Sister Richards greet them on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, February 21, 1950: Georgia Gill Olson, Richard M., Lois B. Hinckley, Lynn S., Louise R. Covey, Philip L., and Alice R. Allen.

he it was who offered his own life for the Prophet's on that sultry

L Richards

By Gordon B. Hinckley

summer day in 1844 when Joseph and Hyrum Smith were murdered.

The grandson likewise forsook the advantages and emoluments of his own chosen profession when the prophet of the Lord called. Stephen L Richards was then thirty-seven years of age, a successful lawyer, with an even more

promising future. But he knew where the enduring values of life lie; he knew the meaning of that call; and there was no hesitancy in his response.

He regards his testimony as a personal treasure. He does not repeat it often, nor carelessly. He does not thrust it on those who would scorn it. But on those occasions—sacred occasions—when he has shared it in measured words, his listeners have known that he was drawing from a deep well of pure and living truth.

That testimony alone might have been sufficient reason for his call into the Council of the Twelve. But added to this were remarkable qualities of mind and facilities of expression that have made his services invaluable to the Church.

Four generations of the Richards family, photo taken in 1931: Lynn Stephen, son of Stephen L; Emma Louise Stayer Richards, his mother; Lynn Stephen, Jr.; and Stephen L.



The gospel cause has always had need for able advocates, and when his call came, he was qualified both by native endowment and training.

He is the product of a good home, one of those "old-fashioned American homes" of which he has spoken often. Without intending to reflect any personal glory, he has said that "the world supply of intelligence, goodness, and beauty is largely a matter of propagation." A glance at the home of his parents, together with a study of its products, confirms the truthfulness of that statement.

His father, Dr. Stephen Longstroth Richards, was a distinguished physician, a man remembered not alone for his professional skill, but also for his quiet manner and his kindness to the poor and distressed. It was in the tradition of his father, and of fathers before, reaching back into the earliest days of New England, that Stephen L Richards studied for a professional career.

It is likewise probable that from the spirit of his father grew his own sympathetic understanding of those in unfortunate circumstances. With remembrance of his own childhood and of his father's consecrated life, he has spoken of the days when periodic epidemics wiped out entire families, and even communities. And he has expressed gratitude for the drugs and other curatives not available in his father's day. Obvious it is that many of the qualities of his brilliant mind and his sympathetic spirit of understanding were gained from his able father.

His mother, Emma Louise Stayer Richards, was a gifted woman in her own right. She was the

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Salt Lake Sunday School workers, May 7, 1905. Stephen L. Richards is standing second from right.

He bears no scars of "this age of ulcers."

STEPHEN L RICHARDS

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daughter of Arthur Stayner, a man of ability and perseverance, who worked for years on the chemistry of sugar refining. He made an outstanding contribution to the establishment of the western beet sugar industry and created a significant heritage for his children and grandchildren after him.

She carried into her own home that same spirit of *doing* things, and along with it a spirit of refinement and culture. Ten children came to that home. They were bright, lively youngsters whose parents had the wisdom to give them freedom in developing their natural talents and the skill to direct their impulsive actions into worth-while channels. But they were not "Little Lord Fauntleroy's." Stephen once had his leg badly cut in a sleigh-riding accident, and when the doctor was about to sew the cut, he let go a well-directed kick that sent the man across the room. The fact that the parents knew the art of homemaking is evidenced by the adult lives of the children. Each has succeeded and become an outstanding member of the community in which he or she lives.

From that home of his childhood he has drawn inspiration for what is perhaps his favorite theme. In speaking of the families who grew up in such homes he has said: "What families they have been! In days of privation and striving, how they have stood together! The sacrifices which they have made, one for another! The love, the



service, and the nobility which have come from those great homes will probably never be known to many, but those who know of them and speak of the accomplishments of our Church in the first century of its existence mention first the noble fathers and mothers who in log cabins of the frontier or mansions of luxury have served faithfully as priests and priestesses in the temple of the home."

It was in that spirit and with that ideal before them that he and his bride began life together more than half a century ago. Irene Merrill was the daughter of pioneer people, Clarence Merrill and Bathsheba Smith, and the product of another "old-fashioned American home." She had been a member of the Tabernacle choir and was a student of the University of Utah, a beautiful and gracious young woman of artistic taste.

They were married February 21, 1900 and left for the Malad Valley of Idaho. That was a challenging and lusty country and the experience proved a valuable test of industry and resourcefulness.

The young husband felled and hauled the logs which became their first dwelling, and the young wife made it into an attractive home.

They have since lived in larger and more comfortable houses, but each has been hallowed by the same cultivated spirit. Nine children have come to them, each one welcomed and cherished.

The son of one large family and the father of another, President Richards has deplored the modern selfish tendency to short-circuit the purposes of marriage. Listen to this quietly eloquent appeal to the young fathers and mothers of the Church:

"If it shall please the Lord to send to your home a goodly number of children, I hope, I pray, you will not deny them entrance. If you should, it would cause you infinite sorrow and remorse. One has said that he could wish his worst enemy no more hell than this, that in the life to come someone might approach him and say, 'I might have come down into the land of Amer-



To President Stephen L. Richards, no picture is more inviting than smooth water cut at the bow of a trim boat. Above picture was taken on the Provo River in 1937.

ica and done good beyond computation, but if I came at all, I had to come through your home, and you were not man enough or woman enough to receive me. You broke down the frail footway on which I must cross and then thought you had done a clever thing!"

Hay in the Malad Valley brought three dollars a ton and grain forty cents a bushel when delivered to the shipping point at Collinston, Utah. But the small family lived comfortably, if modestly, from the ranch and from supplemental earnings Brother Richards made as principal of the Malad public school.

After two years on the farm, they left for Ann Arbor, Michigan. Brother Richards had spent three years in the University of Utah and now determined to get a law degree from an eastern school. One year was spent at Ann Arbor, and then he transferred to the University of Chicago, where a law school had recently been opened.

In 1904 he was graduated with the first class from the University of Chicago Law School and received the coveted *cum laude* citation.

Ernest L. Wilkinson, now president of Brigham Young University, tells the story that when he was



A group of General Authorities and their wives gathered at the Richards home for a social evening in the 1920's.

told the writer that he regarded Stephen L Richards as the ablest young man practising before the Utah bar up to the time he discontinued his legal work.

Apparently the Lord had need for such a mind, and by interesting means he brought him into the leading councils of the Church.

As a boy Stephen L Richards had been active in the Sugar House Ward of Salt Lake City, where his parents had moved from Farmington. He taught in the Sunday School and M. I. A., served as a ward teacher, and sang in the choir. He today excuses his musical judgment on the basis that he never got beyond the ward choir and refers such matters to his trained and talented wife. But he has also commented on a love for the songs of Zion, developed as a young man while singing in Sugar House Ward.

He also served as a member of the Salt Lake Stake Sunday School board, and in a similar capacity in Granite Stake. Then in 1906, when he was twenty-seven years of age, he was called to the general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union. There he became acquainted with a young school principal from Ogden, a man who six months earlier had been sustained a member of the Council of the Twelve and who now was named a member of the general superintendency of the Sunday School Union. There and then commenced a David-and-Jonathan friendship which has lasted and strengthened during all the intervening years, and which culminated in April 1951 when President David O. McKay chose Stephen L Richards to be his counselor in the First Presidency. It is a tribute to both of them that they have worked together so long

and under such a variety of circumstances and that their love and appreciation for one another has grown steadily over the years.

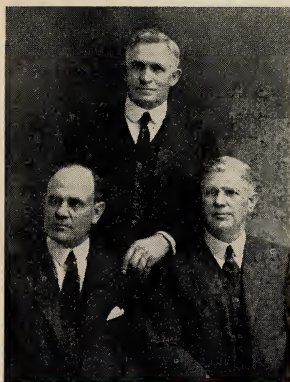
Appointment to the Sunday School board put Brother Richards in close association with another great man. President Joseph F. Smith was then President of the Church and also served as general superintendent of the Sunday School Union. He soon recognized the brilliance of the young lawyer board member and appreciated his loyalty to the Church and its leaders—at a time when there was much bitterness and considerable disloyalty.

When George Reynolds died in 1909, President Smith filled the vacancy in the Sunday School superintendency by calling Stephen L Richards as second assistant and advancing David O. McKay to the post of first assistant. Brother Richards was then thirty years of age.

Under this close association, the kinship of three strong spirits strengthened. President Smith became familiar with the uncommon ability and the deep worth of his lawyer-assistant. In 1916 Francis M. Lyman, President of the Council of Twelve, died. And on January 17, 1917, President Smith presented the name of Stephen L Richards before the Council to fill the vacancy that existed in the quorum. He was accepted and ordained that same day, a young man of thirty-seven, and the following April he was sustained by the membership of the Church.

He terminated his law practice and dedicated himself to the work of the Lord. That work has since brought him many serious responsibilities. Because of his tact, his persuasive ability, his knowledge

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The Superintendency of the Deseret Sunday School Union between the years 1918-1934. Left to right, Stephen L. Richards, first assistant; Superintendent David O. McKay; George D. Pyper, second assistant.

studying at Harvard, he roomed with a son of the man who had been dean of the Chicago School of Law. One day Dean Hall visited his son and was introduced to his Latter-day Saint roommate. The father responded by saying that the best students he had taught were Mormon boys from Utah and that a young man named Stephen L Richards was, in his judgment, the most capable student he had met during all of his years as dean.

Back in Utah the young lawyer began his career as Murray City attorney, as instructor in the University of Utah Law School, and as successful private counsel.

One of Salt Lake City's eminent lawyers (not a member of the Church and now deceased) once



WHO PENNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

By Julia W. Wolfe

EVERYONE knows that Thomas Jefferson, with suggestions from John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, was the author of the Declaration of Independence. But how many know who penned the letters on the great piece of parchment that the members of the Continental Congress signed? It is one of the largest official papers in existence—one skin of parchment nearly three feet long and more than two feet wide.

And, of course, we know that the Declaration was not officially written and signed until July 19, 1776, and that it was not placed on the table to be signed until August, that is, by men who were not members of the Continental Congress in July 1776. But it was passed on July Fourth. Jefferson later wrote that the weather was very hot and that the members were glad to get out of the hot room but that he ordered the secre-

tary (Charles Thomson) to have the declaration printed as soon as possible, and when this was done, the message was proclaimed from the street in Philadelphia.

Charles Thomson, who had been a principal of a school in New-castle, Delaware, was an ardent patriot, and the first Congress chose him as secretary in 1774. He held that office for fifteen years. Although there were fifteen presidents of the Continental Congress, there was but one secretary. Thomson wrote the very last entry in the famous journal in 1789. (He lived to be ninety-five years of age.) Thomson had a clerk in his office by the name of Timothy Matlack, from Holmesburgh, Pennsylvania, and it was he who became the famous penman of the Declaration of Independence.

Matlack was a Quaker by birth, but he was an open advocate of a "Fight if we must" policy, and in 1776 was elected captain of the famous band in Philadelphia, known as the "Shirt Battalion." So the Quakers, who were opposed to war, formed what was known as "Free Quakers." Matlack joined them. Besides being in the Continental Congress, he held a number of important offices under the state of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia.

Congress had ordered Thomson to get out a score of copies of the declaration. Of course, he had to send one to each state and one to the army. He had Dunlap, the famous printer of the Congress, print these copies. It is recorded that the copies were eighteen inches long and fourteen inches wide—called "broad-sides" in those days.

One of the copies was the official

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THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

Through the

Eyes of YOUTH

"Those were the two HAPPIEST YEARS..."

By Lorna Jolley

LAURIE looked over her missionary diary. A scowl covered her face.

The reading was dull, not a bit like she had imagined a missionary diary would be. Even her letters she wrote home so diligently every week were boring, not at all inspiring and full of enthusiasm for the gospel, the way everyone had told her they would be. It was discouraging, and Laurie let her mind follow the old natural course of wishing she was home and earning money instead of spending her time trying to convert a lot of folk who didn't wish to be converted to anything.

Her gaze wandered over to where her companion was industriously studying the Bible.

Wish I could be like her, she thought. She's so happy and loves the gospel so much. I'll bet her diary is full of faith and conversions; seems like everything happened before I came out. Laurie mused that her companion was always eager to go tracting and to street meetings, but many times she herself would feign a headache because she didn't think anyone would talk to them anyway. How can anyone say that these are the two happiest years of one's life? she thought.

Sister White, Laurie's companion, looked at her and smiled. "Is there something wrong?" she asked.

"No, just thinking."

"You know, I was thinking today that maybe we should finish tracting the street that Sister Carlsyle and I started while she was here. Tonight would be a good time since more people are



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

home at night than in the day. What do you say?"

"Well," Laurie mused, "I guess so." She turned her attention back to her diary, which in scrawling words said—

"We tracted for about an hour today, but no one would even open the door. It was disappointing, but I expected it."

If there was anything that Laurie didn't want to do, it was to go tracting. It certainly seemed like a waste of time to go pounding on someone's door and have people shun you as if you had the plague or else announce that they belonged to a church already.

After dinner, the two girls dressed in warm clothes and set out to finish tracting the street near where they lived. It was cold, and the moist, cold air penetrated through their coats. Complaining noisily, Laurie trotted after Sister White who boldly approached the

BLEAKNESS, discouragement, and doubt sometimes come unbidden into the thoughts of young and inexperienced missionaries in the field. How one girl missionary over-

came this condition is graphically told in this poignant story.

first door and rang the bell. A well-fed man came to the door and opened it far enough to see who was there.

"We are missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—"

"Don't have any change," the man said gruffly and started closing the door.

"We aren't here after donations," Sister White quickly announced. "We would like to explain to you a few of our beliefs, and if we could just have a minute—"

"I already belong to a church, and I'm not interested," he said, as he slammed the door.

"Just what I expected," Laurie said in a knowing tone, her face as long as a hoe handle.

"I believe that we don't have the proper spirit with us. Why don't we ask the Lord to guide us to those who are searching for the truth?"

The two girls stopped in the shelter of the porch and prayed fervently to their Father in heaven that they would be guided to the door of someone who was searching for the truth. The air was still cold and damp when they stepped out of the shelter, but both girls felt warmer inside as they started up the street. They stopped at several houses, but no one seemed to want to hear the message the girls had brought.

"If only someone would listen to us, I would know the Lord had directed us," Laurie said as they started up the front walk of one of the houses.

The girls rang the bell and waited. When the door opened, Laurie was sure that they would be rejected again, but motioning for them to come in was one of the most beautiful women she had ever seen, very stylish and definitely of the upper class. Inside the house, Laurie noticed that the furniture was exquisite, and she felt very humble as they started

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"MORE—RELIGIOUS— Sets New Records in

By John D.

stakes or missions, by Southern States Mission—707%.

First mission in the Church to win Leader of Leaders Award with every mission district and miscellaneous area in the Hall of Fame with the ERA in every home, by Southern States Mission.

First stake to qualify every ward in the Hall of Fame for the second consecutive year—by South Los Angeles Stake.

Highest total subscriptions (all-Church record) by any stake in any year—by South Los Angeles Stake.

Leader of Leaders citation for every ward in the Hall of Fame, with the ERA in every home for the second year—by Young Stake.

Greatest gain over last year in both total subscriptions and percent of quota by South Davis Stake.

TWO FORMER Church leaders, had they been living to hear the results of the "More-Religious-Reading" campaign of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA, would have rejoiced greatly. If they could have been told that for the first time in the history of any Church magazine, more than one hundred thousand copies of a single issue had been printed, it would make them very happy.

These two leaders were President Heber J. Grant, founder of this widely-read magazine, and President George Albert Smith, who was responsible for its enlargement, expansion, and development into one of the leading church magazines of the world.

In the recent campaign the ERA was carried into more homes than in any previous campaign of its fifty-three year history. New marks were set, and all through the Church substantial gains were made.

These were some of the new records set:

Highest total subscriptions for stakes or missions by Southern States Mission—4,627.

Highest percent of quota for 502

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Establishment of a record in Lamanite gift subscriptions—721 by South Davis Stake.

Other stakes and missions made outstanding records, but those listed above are the new goals that have been reached. A refreshing and impressive missionary spirit permeated the campaign, and good-natured rivalry for leading honors added interest and spirit to the effort.

Citations Extraordinary, outstanding honors reserved for outstanding accomplishment, were won again by both South Los Angeles Stake, leader of all stakes by wide margins, and Southern States Mission, which set new all-Church marks in both classifications.

A new award, a citation for the

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PERCENT OF QUOTA



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PHOENIX STAKE, second row: President David E. Heywood; Dow Ostlund, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent; Mrs. Edna K. Larson, Y.W.M.I.A. president; Lynne Briggs, stake "Era" director.

FLORIDA STAKE, third row: President Alvin C. Chase; Thomas A. Hill, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent; Elsie Starling, Y.W.M.I.A. president; Mrs. Ethel Harvey D. Avery, stake "Era" director.

MARICOPA STAKE, fourth row: President L. Harold Wright; L. Blaine Cumard, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent; Mrs. Ethel Newell, Y.W.M.I.A. president; Dilworth C. Brinton, stake "Era" director.

UNION STAKE, fifth row: President Milon D. Smith; Donald K. Nelson, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent; Lillian H. Blaires, Y.W.M.I.A. president; Donnell A. Lindsey, Y.M.M.I.A. "Era" director; Winona Veal, Y.W.M.I.A. "Era" director.

greatest gain over last year, was won by South Davis Stake, with margins to spare.

The twenty citation winners in the stakes and the eight in the missions included some new names.

Some have been honored in other years, but not in this group a year ago. Included this year are South Davis, a real newcomer; Long Beach, many times a citation-winner; Inglewood, which has rarely missed in recent years; Moapa, not yet seasoned in this company; Yellowstone, long a leading ERA stake; Big Horn, which is serving notice of intention to stay; and Maricopa, traditionally near the top in ERA campaigns.

In the mission lists, Eastern States claimed double citations (not in any way a new experience), and New England, a surprise mission, joined the top group.

Citation winners will all receive the attractive Perma-plaques, which as the name indicates are permanent awards. New combinations will make this year's awards different from those of 1950.

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SOUTHERN STATES MISSION, first row, left to right: Albert Choules, mission president; D. Homer Yarn, first counselor; Kenneth F. Bowthorpe, second counselor & "Era" director; Loren Grover, mission secretary; Jayne Timmons, M.I.A. supervisor and "Era" director.

CENTRAL ATLANTIC STATES MISSION, second row: J. Robert Price, mission president; Kenneth L. Duke, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent; Lucretia Duke, Y.W.M.I.A. president; F. W. Henderson, "Era" director; Jane T. Henderson, "Era" director.

GREAT LAKES MISSION, third row: Carl C. Burton, mission president; Norene Macay, M.I.A. supervisor.

EASTERN STATES MISSION, fourth row: George Q. Morris, mission president; Georgia R. Livingston, "Era" director.

M I S S I O N S

"MORE-RELIGIOUS-

WARD AND BRANCH CITATION WINNERS

Spectacular records were made by wards and branches widely scattered over the Church. Here are the winners:

MISSION BRANCH CITATION WINNERS

Group "A" Branches—Percent of Quota

*1. Saskatoon, Western Canadian, 2763%; 2. Abbeville, Southern States, 1233%.

Group "B" Branches—Percent of Quota

1. Jackson, Southern States, 1094%; *2. Atlanta, Southern States, 874%; 3. Elizabeth City, Central Atlantic States, 871%.

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CITATION WINNERS—STAKES

Total Subscriptions

*1. South Los Angeles, 2262; *2. South Davis, 1998; *3. Long Beach, 1242; 4. Inglewood, 1214; *5. Phoenix, 1212; 6. Mt. Ogden, 1043; 7. Moapa, 907; *8. Yellowstone, 895; *9. Big Horn, 892; *10. Maricopa, 860; 11. Rigby, 811; 12. North Davis, 805; 13. Ogden, 798; 14. Lethbridge, 791.

Percent of Quota

*1. South Los Angeles, 458%; *2. South Davis, 357%; *3. Phoenix, 317%; 4. Florida, 304%; *5. Long Beach, 291%; *6. Maricopa, 288%; 7. Union, 278%; *8. Yellowstone, 242%; *9. Big Horn, 240%; 10. Minidoka, 230%; 11. Los Angeles, 228%; 12. South Carolina, 226%; 13. South Idaho Falls, 226%.

Starred stakes won double citations.

CITATION WINNERS—MISSIONS

Total Subscriptions

*1. Southern States, 4627; 2. Central Atlantic States, 1010; 3. Great Lakes, 912; *4. Eastern States, 878.

Percent of Quota

*1. Southern States, 707%; 2. North Central States, 524%; 3. Western Canadian, 391%; *4. Eastern States, 314%; 5. Canadian, 291%; 6. New England, 236%.

Both Southern States and Eastern States missions won double citations.

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MISSIONS

Group "A" Branches—Total Subscriptions

*1. Saskatoon, Western Canadian, 55; 2. Ft. Landerdale, Southern States, 44; 3. Athens, Southern States, 44.

Group "B" Branches—Total Subscriptions	
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1. Cincinnati, Great Lakes, 203; *2. Atlanta, Southern States, 192.

WARD CITATION WINNERS

Group "A" Wards—Percent of Quota

1. Stibnite (branch) Weiser, 640%;
- *2. Ridgeway, South Carolina, 565%.

Group "B" Wards—Percent of Quota

1. Huntington Park, So. Los Angeles, 743°; 2. Bountiful 6th, South Davis, 536°.

Group "A" Wards—Total Subscriptions

1. Miramonte, So. Los Angeles, 105;

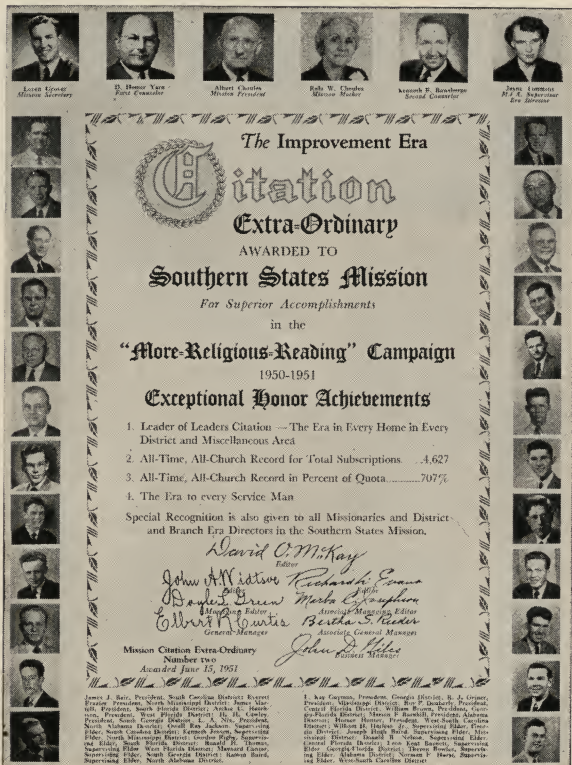


NORTH CENTRAL STATES MISSION, left to right, first row: John B. Hawkes, mission president; G. A. Matson, first counselor; William R. Siddoway, second counselor; Mabel Wahlquist "Era" director.

WESTERN CANADIAN MISSION, second row: Glen G. Fisher, mission president; Melvin C. Graham, second counselor and "Era" director; Marva Johnson, "Era" director; Valena Ballard, "Era" director.

CANADIAN MISSION: Floyed G. Eyre, mission president; Wendell Wagstaff, "Era" director.

NEW ENGLAND MISSION, fourth row: S. Dilworth Young, mission president; Clo Dean Munk, auxiliary secretary and "Era" director.



*2. Ridgeway, South Carolina, 96; 3. Hazelton, Minidoka, 95.

Group "B" Wards—Total Subscriptions

1. Long Beach 1st, Long Beach,
414; 2. Manchester, So. Los Angeles,
345.

THE HALL OF FAME

The most gratifying feature of the campaign was the remarkable gains in wards and branches winning honors in the Hall of Fame. This recognition is reserved for groups reaching the goal of all ERA campaigns—the ERA in every home. This year twenty-eight wards and 102 mission and stake branches carried the ERA into every L.D.S. home in their areas. In addition, for the first time twelve miscellaneous areas, all in the Southern States Mission, are listed in the Hall of Fame. Miscellaneous includes Church members who live too far from organized branches to be listed as branch members. In the past these areas have not been listed in ERA campaigns.

The Scroll of Honor joined in the record-breaking experience. While it was not as high in percentage of stakes and missions as in at least one other year, in total number it

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Elder Ezra Taft Benson received the Silver Antelope at the annual meeting of Region 12 held April 24 in Long Beach, Calif., from Kenneth K. Bechtel, vice-president of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, and former chairman of Region 12.

Elder Ezra Taft Benson

HIGH



THE SILVER ANTELOPE

WHEN the orange and white ribbon from which hangs the Silver Antelope was placed around the neck of Elder Ezra Taft Benson at Long Beach on April 24, a milestone was reached in one of the most active yet unpublicized careers in scouting.

Many men in the Church have been well known for their activities through the years of the scout-

ing program. Elder Benson started as an assistant Scoutmaster in 1918 and has been connected with the program ever since. Because he has spent most of this time outside Utah, he has not gained the reputation as a scout leader that has come to such men as President George Albert Smith, President Oscar A. Kirkham, President S. Dilworth Young, and others. Yet when someone was needed to follow in the footsteps of President Smith to carry on the program of scouting

both inside and outside the Church, it was Elder Benson who received the job.

There is much of the story of Elder Benson in official scouting records. But many of the important items do not show on the books. Some will probably never be written about because they involve behind-the-scenes discussions and actions where only the decisions have been made known. Because he has always had a strong feeling that scouting is an inspired program well adapted to the needs of Latter-day Saint boys, he has always championed its cause.

It was for this reason as much as any other that Region 12, comprising the states of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California, and the Hawaiian Islands selected Elder Benson to receive the Silver Antelope. It is the highest award that can be bestowed by a region and is topped only by the Silver Buffalo, which is given by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Elder Benson started his scouting career as an assistant Scoutmaster in the Whitney Ward of the Franklin Stake in Idaho in 1918. Here he served as an assistant and as Scoutmaster of Troop 37 until 1921, and from 1924 to 1929.

As a Scoutmaster Elder Benson ran an outdoor troop; his Scouts always knew that they would get their share and more of hiking, camping and outdoor life. The young Scoutmaster wanted to get close to the boys and near to God in the out-of-doors. So they took to the hills as often as possible.

From 1929 until 1934 he worked in the Mutual in the Franklin and Boise stakes, always promoting the scouting program. From 1934 to 1937 he was a member of the Boise Stake presidency and from 1938 to 1939, the stake president. He continued his active support of the boys' program. From Idaho, Elder

Jamboree Convocation Talk by

Elder Ezra Taft Benson

SURELY Sir Baden-Powell was inspired of the Lord when he founded this great scouting movement. He would be thrilled, as I am now, could he but stand on this platform, look into your faces and know that you are here to practice scouting, to proclaim liberty, and to worship God.

More than the wisdom of this world was written into the Scout oath.

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country"

These few short words embrace everything we stand for here tonight. Our liberty crusade is for God and Country. It is for free men in free nations to worship as their conscience dictates.

It is this faith in scouting and its ideal that has made it an important part of the program for young men in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Scouting constitutes a major part of the program for boys eleven to seventeen in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, the auxiliary of the Mormon Church that looks after the cultural and recreational activities of its youth. It was to this organization that the National Council on June 9, 1913 issued its first charter to a religious body.

Today eighty-five percent of the Mormon boys of this age are registered as Scouts or Explorers. This compared last year to a national registration of 32.5 percent for Scouts and 2.9 percent for Explorers.

One other fact will be of interest to you. We have a large group of Mormon boys at this Jamboree. No other religious group has a higher percentage of its boys participating in this encampment.

These young Mormons, perhaps as well as any other Youth group in America today, except possibly our visitors from foreign lands, know the real meaning of religious liberty. Only 106 years ago last Tuesday, right here in the United States, their Prophet and Patriarch were martyred. Many of their grandparents and great-grandparents gave their lives for their faith. Others were persecuted and driven west. In the Rocky Mountains they found a place where they could worship God "according to the dictates of their own conscience."

Now from out of the west these youths return to join with you in a prayer to the God of all good Scouts to help us preserve the liberties their forefathers and yours worked for—and fought for—and died for—and secured.

Receives

SCOUTING AWARD

By Forace Green

OF THE Y.M.M.I.A. GENERAL BOARD

Benson moved to Washington, D. C., where he became the first president of the new stake organized there. Scouting grew in the new stake under his guiding hand.

In July 1943, Elder Benson was chosen a member of the Council of

and national annual meetings and national committee meetings.

These activities have been important and have helped build Elder Benson as a scout. And it is partly because of this fine record that he wears the Antelope. But the really important phase of his activities has been the "extras": the kind word, the winning smile, the right idea, and the ability to have it accepted.

ing held in Philadelphia last year just prior to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge. The prayer wasn't out of the ordinary for him. He had given many like it before and would give many after. But there was a ring of sincerity, a feeling of actually calling on our Father in heaven that impressed the editor of Philadelphia's leading newspaper. He had five full-time reporters covering the jamboree. He assigned the man in charge of this staff, his best writer, to cover the activities of Elder Benson at the big event.

At the Sunday evening convocation service at the jamboree nearly one hundred thousand people were gathered, about half of them Scouts and scouters in uniform. Four men were to speak, representing the four religious divisions of scouting in America: Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, and Latter-day Saint. A few short years ago there would have been only three. The Latter-day Saints would have been grouped with the Protestants. It was Elder Benson who had played a leading role in convincing those concerned that the Latter-day Saints didn't belong with the Protestants. In doing this he could not have seen that one of the many fine ramifications would be that he would be given a chance to tell about L.D.S. scouting at the jamboree. But it was. And there will be no end of good come to the Church from this important move.

Following his address at the jamboree convocation, there were tears in the eyes of many—especially the old-timers who had been close to the founding of the scouting program. Elder Benson had been the first at the great jamboree to pay tribute to Lord Baden-Powell, father of scouting. He did it in a few direct and simple words. But he left no doubt in the minds of the

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Every L. D. S. Stake in southern California was represented at the annual Region 12 meeting. Here Elder Benson is congratulated on receiving the Silver Antelope by (left) Dr. Pliny H. Powers, Deputy Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America; Dr. Ray O. Wyland, director of the National Relationships Service; and nine L. D. S. stake presidents, standing, left to right: E. Garrett Barlow, Inglewood; William Noble Waite, South Los Angeles; Edwin S. Dibble, Glendale; Virgil H. Sponberg, Long Beach; Vern R. Peel, San Bernardino; Howard W. Hunter, Pasadena; John M. Russon, Los Angeles; Dale Brown, representing East Los Angeles; and John C. Dalton, East Long Beach.

the Twelve. At that time he was made a member at large of the National Council and served in that capacity until he was named on May 22, 1949, to take the place of President Smith on the national executive board. In October of that year he was made a member of the national committee on program, the committee on relationships, and the rural service committee. He is still active on all three committees and has been given many other special assignments. He has been a member of the national nominations committee and of the Old Scouts committee, of the executive committee of Region 12, and of several other region committees. Many times he has been moderator for discussion sessions at both regional

Offering a prayer in a meeting is a commonplace event. All good scouting activities are opened and closed with prayer. So it wasn't out of the ordinary for Elder Benson to be called on to pray at one of the sessions of the annual meet-

CHURCH SCOUTERS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD



OSCAR A. KIRKHAM



GEORGE R. HILL



GEORGE Q. MORRIS



JOHN D. GILES

WHEN the happiness of two of your dearest friends seems headed for a sudden breakup, you think fast. Out of the memories of the past may flash a sudden inspiration for a solution.

"CAN'T we do something about Jim and Judy?"

"If you're wise, lovable meddler, you'll not interfere in neighborhood quarrels," Dan replied.

"But they're our closest friends."

"They'll not remain that way long if we try to order their lives," said Dan, sprawled out over wing-chair and hassock.

"So many marriages break up because of arguments over trifles," I continued.

Dan nodded. "I'll admit that loud yapping we heard through our open window didn't suggest a love song."

"But Dan, we just can't stand by and let their marriage split up—the Robbinses are such grand people."

"Remember, Helen, if you insist upon thrusting your pretty little nose into this, it will be your individual problem. Jim is a guy I want to keep as my friend. So bear in mind, I'm warning you not to meddle."

In the morning Dan asked, "Are we celebrating tonight?"

"Of course. Let's have one of our quickie parties tonight. What's a wedding anniversary without a party!"

"Okay," Dan said as he kissed me, "but don't do a lot of work."

"You know me," I called after him. "I wait till the party is over before I do the cleaning—well, most of it, anyway."

I could hardly wait for Dan to turn the corner. Unknowingly, he had suggested the solution of my problem.

Without even stacking the dishes, I found myself at the Robbins' kitchen door. Knocking and at the same time turning the knob, I called, "First invitation to our party tonight." But on seeing Judy's rebellious, unhappy face, my feet glued themselves to the spotless linoleum. My throat became suddenly dry.

Judy was the first to find voice, all barriers removed by my sudden appearance. "You might as well know right now. It's not something that happened overnight. The domestic barometer here has been low for some time. Today the storm broke. You're now viewing the debris." Then, with sarcasm ebbing fast, she added: "Anyway, I'd rather it was you that learned about it first."

Still weak from the shock, I ventured, "I thought this was an anniversary for you, too—you and Jim have been married five years."

"That's true, Helen, but it doesn't mark years of happiness like yours and Dan's. He always gives you whatever you ask for, while I've had to fight continually



HEART OF THE

for everything I've ever had for my home. I'm fed up on that kind of diet. I'm through. This ends five years of existing—it's our special kind of anniversary," Judy's dark eyes were challenging.

My thoughts were forked lightning: I was remembering Aunt Kate who almost wrecked the happiness of her home because of her demanding ways. If only I could tell Judy about Aunt Kate.

"Judy, you're mistaken about Dan giving me everything I want. It's quite true he does plan some nice things for our home, but I can't remember ever asking for any of them. And, anyway, his salary doesn't allow much of a margin for sudden demands upon it."

"I've been wanting an American-Oriental rug ever since we were married," said Judy, trying to hold back the tears. "It seemed to me that our fifth anniversary would be the logical time to at least make a down payment on it. You'd have thought I was asking for a private

plane. Did he tell me off! Then a storm of gale proportions pushed open the door, and he was gone."

"I'm sorry, Judy. I'm pretty sure, though, that Dan could be just as explosive if I suggested right now the landscaping and planting of our lot by an expert gardener. Shortly after we were married, Judy, I overheard Dan laughingly remark to a friend that he was the head of his house. That reminded me of Aunt Kate's recipe for married happiness. Applied with a sense of humor, it gets results."

"You may be right, Helen, but I'm in no mood for experimenting," replied Judy.

Not at all certain that I could be of any help to Judy and Jim, I returned to my own gay kitchen. It always supplied inspiration and comfort. I was recalling the warm, friendly look of Judy's dark eyes when we first met; that was the day we moved into the little white cottage next door to the Robbinses. I was thinking, too, of the fine recipes

IN THE Robbins' household the domestic barometer had been low for some time. Today the storm broke.



HOUSE

By Jean Anderson

she had given me when my own were in the "trial-and-error" stage. Quite recently my cooking skill had been put to a real test. I had asked Jim to have dinner with us one day when Judy was out of town. I kept hoping everything would turn out well; Jim was not used to amateurish cooking. What, then, should I serve? Why, the fool-proof dish, of course; English pasties was the answer. None of our friends ever served them. So Jim would be tasting for the first time a brand new way of serving meat. Then, if by chance it didn't measure up to my expectations, at least Jim would have nothing with which to compare it. However, as I piled the savory pasties on the platter, I had no fear of Jim's verdict—they were an epicure's delight. Jim said I was now in the class of professional cooks along with Judy. What's

more, he hoped I'd give her the recipe sometime very soon.

By early afternoon the party plans were almost complete. I was arranging sweet peas and baby-breath in a vase when the Robbins' solution finally took form. Thought and action were simultaneous. Snatching a card labeled **ENGLISH PASTIES** from the recipe file, I ran over to Judy's. There was another recipe on the back, which I had used countless times during our marriage. "Judy, I've been thinking about us ever since this morning—you and I, Jim and Dan. You and I are not too different. Jim and Dan are just average husbands, devoted to their wives. . . ."

"I'll agree wholeheartedly on the angle of average husbands, but I wish I could say as much about the devotion," interrupted Judy.

"I guess I was just plain lucky to get my recipe for married happiness early from Aunt Kate, but then anytime you get it is not too late. The important thing, of course, is to use it after you find it."

"You seem to be a great sage," conceded Judy.

"I know it works. In the first place, you must believe that Jim loves you dearly."

There was a faraway look in Judy's eyes that made my heart ache. "Does he?" she asked skeptically.

I continued: "Then too, a little dust or an occasional cobweb won't change your home to a hovel. Men revel in being able to relax in the biggest and best chair in the living room. Sometimes, Judy, I think we put too much stress on house-keeping. The accent should be on *homekeeping* instead."

"Thanks for your suggestions, Helen, but I prefer to work it out my own way."

"Frankly, Judy, I didn't mean to preach. What I started out from home with is a recipe—something I cooked while you were away, and Jim liked it. It can be made in a jiffy with prepared pastry flour."

"Thanks a lot, Helen," said Judy, glancing at the recipe card. "I may try it sometime."

My heart was heavy as I went home to check over the final details for the party. How could I enjoy our anniversary when Judy and Jim were so far apart? . . .

Nine o'clock! I tried to chat gayly with our guests. I was thinking, we'll play charades and other games for awhile. Maybe they'll come, but no—there was a tone of finality in Judy's voice today that gave no hope for a kiss-and-make-up solution. Turning to Dan, I said in a low voice: "You might just as well set up the tables now. No use waiting. . . ."

Constantly alert tonight to every sound from outdoors, I was sure I heard steps on the walk. Then voices—gay, familiar voices. Together Dan and I were at the door, beaming happiness at Jim and Judy. The Robbinses were soon mingling with the others, gaily chatting about daylight saving time—how it gave them an extra hour to prepare for the party.

"They're putting up a brave front," I thought.

In quick response to my questioning glance, Judy separated from the others and moved toward the kitchen, giving my hand an extra squeeze as we entered.

"Judy, did you try the recipe?"

"Yes, I did," answered Judy.

"Did Jim like it?" Judy didn't answer, for just then Dan and one of the other men came into the kitchen for an extra table. We rejoined the others in the living room. I kept thinking, at least for this evening I can be thankful. They seem happy even though it may prove only a short-lived bliss. If only Judy doesn't start demanding something new right away!

At midnight the guests began to leave, congratulating us upon our successful three years, and suggesting that we give them a copy of our success formula as a party souvenir. The Robbinses were the last to leave. Judy pulled me aside. "Helen, when I began to assemble the ingredients for the pasties this afternoon—lean beef, potatoes, onions, shortening, flour, and seasoning, I found I had neither shortening nor pastry mix, so I turned the card over—I'll never know why—and found another recipe, but not for pasties. I decided to try that one immediately. You can see for yourself the result of that trial. I shall keep this tested

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Brigham Young

and

By L. J. Arrington

UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

A LITTLE-KNOWN contribution of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the assistance it rendered in the construction and protection of the transcontinental telegraph line. It furnishes a telling example, not only of the loyalty of the Saints to the Union, but also of the type of empire building at which the Saints were so adept.

Soon after the first Mormon settlement in Utah in 1847, agitation began for the construction of a transcontinental telegraph line which would connect Great Salt Lake City with the outside world. The Territorial Legislature, in January 1853, memorialized Congress as follows:

The inhabitants of this Territory are situated in the Great Basin of North America, occupying an intermediate position between California and the States on the Mississippi; and being shut out by their isolated position from a ready intercourse from their mother States; the roads passing over arid plains, rough and desert mountains taking a term of thirty days in the best seasons of the year for the mails to pass through from the confines of civilization to this Territory; and considering the obstructions arising from storms, floods, and the depredations of hostile Indians, all combining to render our means of intercourse extremely limited and precarious.

The petition then strongly urges that a telegraph line from the East be built by way of Salt Lake City to San Diego, San Francisco, and Astoria, Oregon, and concludes:

No movement of Congress could be better calculated to preserve inviolable our glorious Union, than to bind the East and West by an ELECTRIC stream, whereby intelligence and instantaneous intercourse from the eastern to the western limits of our wide-spread country will annihilate the distance, and make the free men of Maine and Oregon, Florida and California immediate neighbors.¹

This transcontinental line—or Overland Telegraph, as it was

called—was finally completed in 1861. Hiram Sibley, president of Western Union Telegraph Company, and Edward Creighton, contractor for the company, played the principal roles in promoting the construction of the Overland line.² After repeated failures by the telegraph industry to unite behind a scheme to build the line, Sibley finally interested officials of the federal government. The outbreak of the war between the states in 1860 was a causal factor in this stepped-up interest. Congress finally approved the Pacific Telegraph Act which became law June 16, 1860. This act provided a ten-year subsidy of \$40,000.00 per annum to the company completing a line from the western boundary of Missouri to San Francisco. Land and rights of way were also a part of the subsidy. With the \$400,000.00 guarantee in his pocket, Sibley made arrangements with the newly-organized California State Telegraph Company to run a line east from Carson City, Nevada (to which point a line had previously been built), while eastern companies would cooperate in running the line west from Omaha (to which point Western Union had just finished a line).

Creighton was commissioned to take the stagecoach west from Omaha in the latter part of 1860 to survey and make plans for the location of the line. He stopped over in Salt Lake City in December. The *Journal History* reports under date of December 20, 1860 that, "Mr. Creighton (sometimes spelled "Cration") . . . agent of the Overland Telegraph . . . called on Brigham Young and wished him to take the oversight and superintendency of the telegraph line across the continent." One week later the *Journal History* records that Creighton wanted the Saints to supply and erect telegraph poles for some five hundred miles of the line.³ Brigham Young, who was anxious to support the enterprise, promised



Timber for the poles was obtained from Echo and Weber canyons and transported by ox team to points on the line as needed.

aid in securing poles, subsistence, and transportation.

Upon his return, Creighton recommended that the junction of the eastern and western lines be located at Salt Lake City. Sibley and other promoters organized the Pacific Telegraph Company, with a capital of one million dollars to construct the eleven hundred miles of line from Omaha to Salt Lake City. Creighton was superintendent of the construction of this division.⁴ In California the Overland Telegraph Company, with a capital of \$1,250,000.00, was organized to run the five hundred odd miles from Carson City to Salt Lake City. James Gamble was appointed construction superintendent of the western division.⁵ Construction began in July 1861 at both ends of

¹Thompson, Robert Luther, *Wiring a Continent: The History of the Telegraph Industry in the United States 1832-1866*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 1947, p. 349.

²L. D. S. *Journal History*, 27 Dec. 1860

⁴Thompson, op. cit., pp. 360-1.

⁵Thompson, op. cit., p. 360.

³Young, Levi Edgar, *The Founding of Utah*. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1923, pp. 403-4.

the Transcontinental Telegraph Line

the transcontinental line and also in both directions from Salt Lake City.

Latter-day Saints aided materially in the construction with poles, labor, and food supplies. The chief construction problem was securing the necessary poles for the line. The Overland route west from Omaha was comparatively treeless, and this was even more true of the desert route between Salt Lake City and Carson City. A large share of the poles was supplied from Salt Lake City, under arrangement which Creighton had tentatively made the preceding December with Church leaders. Poles for 750 miles of the eastern line were supplied under a contractual arrangement with Brigham Young, whose son, John W. Young—a lumber dealer—seems to have handled it. Poles for the western line as far as Ruby Valley—some two hundred and fifty miles—were furnished by the Mormon firm of Little and Decker of Salt Lake City.⁸ Timber for the poles was obtained from Echo and Weber canyons near Salt Lake City and transported by ox team to points on the line as needed. The *Journal History* of the Church notes several instances in which this activity was carried on; for example, on the second of September 1861, seven loads of telegraph poles were seen near the Jordan River. They were being hauled by the ox teams of Brigham Young.

A story is told in relation to the pole contract entered into between Creighton and Brigham Young's son. Sometime after the contract was signed,

The son informed the contractors that his bid on the poles had been too low, and that he was losing money on the job. A new contract was at once made at a higher figure. Not long after the new contract had been drawn up, a messenger came saying that Brigham Young wished to see the telegraph contractor. With considerable apprehension Creighton went to the home of the Mormon leader. Upon being ushered into the library, he introduced himself as the representative of the telegraph company.

⁸Neff, Andrew Love. *History of Utah 1847 to 1869*. Edited and annotated by Leland Hargrave Creer. Salt Lake City: The Deseret News Press, 1940. p. 730

"Is it true that my son entered into a contract with you to furnish poles for the telegraph?" inquired Young.

"Yes, sir," replied Creighton.

"Is it also true that the price agreed upon in this contract was subsequently raised?"

Creighton nodded his assent.

"Let me see those contracts," said Young.

Creighton, taking the documents from his pocket, handed them over.

After careful scrutiny Brigham Young crushed the new one in his hand and

telegraph poles he had delivered and erected. After payment was received, Brigham made the following statement, "I did not touch that gold with my fingers or flesh until it was all paid in. . . . I then delivered every dime of it over for tithing. I have not used one farthing of it for my own use."⁹

President Young also received a gift of \$10,000.00 in stock in the Overland Telegraph Company from its President, H. W. Carpenter.¹⁰

Indicative of the importance which both eastern and western divisions of the transcontinental line attached to the assistance rendered by President Young and the Church were their requests that the Church President make the first communication upon the completion of each line in October 1861.¹¹ The eastern line was completed October 17, 1861¹² and the western line one week later. The first Salt Lake City office was a small adobe house on the east side of Main Street between First and Second South Streets. John Clowes was "imported" to Salt Lake City to manage its first office,¹³ and it is interesting to note that he was so impressed with the Latter-day Saints and their religion that he joined the Church and became a staunch member.

An important service of the Church to the Union during the war between the states was rendered in 1862 when, upon the telegraphic request of President Lincoln, April 28, 1862, a company of ninety men was raised to protect the property of the Overland Telegraph and Overland Mail Companies between Fort Bridger and Fort Laramie, Wyoming. With the blessings of the Church, this company, under Captain Lot Smith, was raised, outfitted, and on its way within three days.¹⁴

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⁹*Journal History*, 15 Dec 1861.

¹⁰*Journal History*, 16 August 1861.

¹¹Copies of these communications may be found in the *Journal History* under the dates of 18 and 24 October 1861.

¹²Though Thompson says 19 October. *Op. cit.*, p. 366.

¹³Daughters of Utah Pioneers, *Heart Throbs of the West*, Vol. 1. Compiled by Kate B. Carter, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1947, p. 185.

¹⁴*Journal History*, 28 April, 1 May 1862.



From an old print in Harper's Weekly, 1861.

threw it into the fire. "The poles will be furnished by my son in accordance with the terms of the original contract," he said.¹⁵

President Young received eleven thousand dollars in gold for the

¹⁵Wilson, B. H., "Across the Prairies of Iowa," *Palmprint*, August 1926, p. 249.



ON THE Bookrack

WAKE UP OR BLOW UP

(Frank C. Laubach. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. 1951. 160 pages. \$2.00.)

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—*M. C. J.*

JOHN C. CALHOUN

(Margaret L. Coit. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. 1950. 593 pages. \$5.00.)

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(Max S. Marshall. Macmillan Company, New York. 1951. 284 pages. \$3.00.)

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STEPHEN L RICHARDS

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In the interest of missionary work he has traveled over the earth, visiting not only all parts of the United States, but also South America, Europe, and Palestine.

For years he has sat as a member of the missionary committee through whose hands pass all matters of appointment of mission presidents and missionaries. And since its inception in 1935, he has served as chairman of the Church radio, publicity, and mission literature committee. In this latter capacity he has directed the manifold radio activities of the Church, which in the last fifteen years have multiplied by well over a hundred times. The tools of missionary work have been greatly expanded, and missionary labors generally have been made more efficient.

He has represented the Church on the boards of important business institutions, and in numerous other ways his good judgment has protected its trust funds and investments.

He is respected wherever he goes, and he reciprocates that respect. Perhaps this is one of the secrets of his great success. His courtesy is unailing. If I may be pardoned a personal observation, I have worked under his immediate direction for more than a dozen years, in a room adjoining his. Though he has been my chief, and I his subordinate, he has never come through my door without knocking. That, in my judgment,

speaks volumes for his uncommon courtesy and other remarkable qualities of character.

Though his load has been heavy, and his health not too robust, he has been able to keep up his schedule because he knows how to relax. He bears none of the scars of this "age of ulcers." No picture to him is more inviting than smooth water cut at the bow of a trim boat. He can talk with expert knowledge on hulls, engines, and propeller pitch. He loves the pulse of a motor set at trolling speed and the tug of a line grabbed by a lively fish. He is familiar with the waters of Great Salt Lake and Fish Lake in Utah, of Lake Mead in Nevada, and of the Hebgen Dam and Yellowstone Lake in Montana.

Always carefully attired, you will find him of a summer day in soft wool shirt and trousers, both neatly pressed, but casual, walking where sunlight filters through tall Douglas fir or sitting before the snug fire that burns in the grate of a modest mountain cabin.

With him always will be his life's companion. For fifty-one years this strong, able man and this lovely, gracious woman have shared sorrow and triumph. Together they have buried a baby daughter and a promising son, both killed in tragic accidents. Together they have ridden a jeep over the rough roads of Brazil and stood at the site of the Savior's birth in Palestine. Together they have worked long hours at difficult tasks, and together they have mingled at ease with wealthy and important society. Hand in hand for more than half a century these two have walked the road of life, enjoying its beauties, meeting its burdens, loving its adventure, and helping others along the way.

The Lord has selected and prepared his leaders well. Stephen L. Richards is an affirmation of that fact.

HEART OF THE HOUSE

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recipe on the very top of the file for daily use as long as I live, Helen."

"Oh, you mean the little verse:

'I am the head of this house,' he said,

Thinking that the greater part; But she was wiser far than he; She was content to be its heart.'

That was Aunt Kate's recipe for a happy marriage."



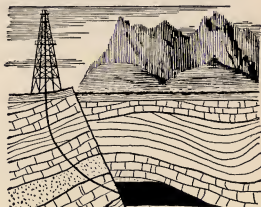
"What are you doing to save our oil resources?"

People are concerned these days about America's supply of crude oil. They say, "If petroleum resources are beginning to run out, we ought to be careful to make them go as far as possible. What are you big companies doing to save our oil resources?"

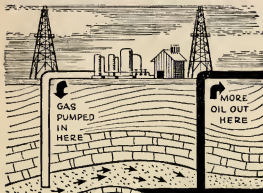
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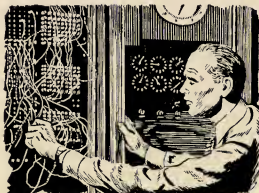
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"More-Religious-Reading" Campaign

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exceeded any previous year. This listing indicates that the stakes or missions have reached or exceeded their qualifying quotas.

The missions reached a new high mark in homes receiving the ERA. A total of nearly fifteen thousand homes in the missions of United States, Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii have the "Voice of the Church" each month.

SERVICEMEN'S SUBSCRIPTIONS

Contributing substantially to the total subscriptions in the campaign were those sent to servicemen. While subscriptions lagged for several months, they came in at a generous rate near the end of the campaign and finally exceeded the three thousand mark. While this reflects a commendable increase, it still leaves a large number of servicemen for whom subscriptions have not been entered. Southern States Mission led the Church in servicemen's subscriptions, while Inglewood led all the stakes.

STAKE SERVICEMEN'S SUBSCRIPTIONS (Stakes with 50 or more)

1. *Inglewood, 94; 2. *North Davis, 93; 3. *Juab, 88; 4. *Rigby, 88; 5. *South Davis, 86; 6. West Jordan, 86; 7. Yellowstone, 86; 8. *Glendale, 85; 9. *South Los Angeles, 81; 10. *Big Horn, 79; 11. Blackfoot, 72; 12. *South Idaho Falls, 70; 13. Nebo, 66; 14. *Alpine, 65; 15. Kolob, 65; 16. *Long Beach, 65; 17. Pocatello, 62; 18. *Beaver, 61; 19. *Liberty, 61; 20. *Millard, 59; 21. East Jordan, 58; 22. Murray, 58; 23. Palmyra, 56; 24. Mt. Ogden, 54; 25. *Park, 54; 26. San Diego, 54; 27. Ogden, 53; 28. Millicreek, 51; 29. Star Valley, 50.

*Starred stakes report sending the ERA to every serviceman. North Jordan Stake also reports one hundred percent.

MISSION SERVICEMEN'S SUBSCRIPTIONS (Missions with 10 or more)

1. Southern States, 187; 2. Northern California, 47; 3. Central States, 38; 4. Northwestern States, 24; 5. Texas-Louisiana, 21; 6. Central Atlantic States, 19; 7. Eastern States, 19; 8. North Central States, 15; 9. California, 14; 10. West Central States, 14; 11. Great Lakes, 10.

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"MORE-RELIGIOUS-READING" CAMPAIGN

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Records made last year by *Southern States Mission* and *Los Angeles Stake* which won, a citation extraordinary for each group and which many thought would not be reached again were exceeded in both instances in the "More-Religious-Reading" campaign.

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The ERA to every Serviceman

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Southern States Mission greatly exceeded its record-breaking achievement of last year. In districts and branches with perfect records, with the ERA in every home, in total subscriptions, in percent of quota, and in servicemen's subscriptions, it led the entire Church. In addition, a new mark was set by including the miscellaneous areas of the mission in the campaign and making perfect records there also. Here is the impressive record of the Southern States Mission:

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Leaders of Leaders Citation

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All-time, all-Church record for percent of quota—707%

Double Citation Winner

Double Honors in Leaders of the Church

The ERA to Every Serviceman—Highest number for missions or stakes—187

Young Stake, by again placing every ward in the Hall of Fame with the ERA in every home, shared honors with Southern States Mission and South Los Angeles Stake.

Here is Young Stake's record:

Leader of Leaders Citation

Every ward in the Hall of Fame—The ERA in Every Home

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One Hundred Percent Citation—the equivalent of the ERA in every home

Leader of the Church in Lamanite gift subscriptions—721

Double Citation Winner (2nd place) Total subscriptions 1998 and Percent of Quota—357%

Double Honors in Leaders of the Church (2nd place)

Other stakes and missions with outstanding campaigns include: *Phoenix Stake* with a consistent campaign that won double citations; *Long Beach*, which threatened the leaders right up to the last day; *Florida*, which led in the early days of the campaign; *Inglewood*, with fresh enthusiasm resembling other days; *Maricopa*, which finished second among the Arizona stakes and won two citations; *Mt. Ogden*, with a conversion campaign coupled with subscription-getting; *Moapa*, not to be denied its place with the leaders; *Union*, which will bear watching next year; *Yellowstone*, entrenched in eighth place on both lists after a spirited campaign; *Big Horn*, home of Lovell Ward, one of the earliest Hall of Fame wards; and *Minidoka*, which year after year with little publicity conducts a consistent campaign and finishes with a citation to crown its efforts. Space limitations make it impossible to tell of the original and interesting plans used in these and other stakes.

Lethbridge Stake in Canada and *Juarez Stake* in old Mexico were the hardluck stakes of the year. In

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"MORE-RELIGIOUS-READING" CAMPAIGN

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the early days of the campaign Lethbridge appeared to be a certainty for double citations. In the face of very active competition a citation was claimed in total subscriptions. Juarez, one of the leading gainers during its special campaign period, made a strong bid but failed.

Los Angeles Stake, high on the list last year with double citations, held a place on the percent of quota list. Chicago, Snowflake, Ben Lo-

mond, and San Deigo, familiar names as citation leaders, are missed this year.

In the missions, *North Central States* maintains consistently high positions, while *Central Atlantic* repeated its splendid performance of last year. *Great Lakes* kept up its steady pace with some groups making remarkable showings.

Western Canadian, following a success formula established some time ago, claimed its usual citation, while *Eastern States* came back on-

Individual Integrity

RICHARD L. EVANS

WE ARE deeply grateful for all our material blessings and for the personal freedom which is so essential to human happiness. But in all that we are or have or hope to be, there is one essential element without which all else would be as nothing, without which there can be no peace, no protection, no permanence. And this indispensable element is individual integrity. To paraphrase the old proverb, "Pride goeth before a fall," we offer another one, less euphonious, but equally true: "Dishonor, dishonesty, and immorality go before a fall." And one of the greatest threats to freedom and to individual enterprise is indifference to dishonor and dishonesty, both in public and private places. We have become too familiar with crime and corruption—and too indifferent to it at times. Of course sometimes when we suddenly see its insidiousness, with shocked sensibilities we rise in wrath for a brief time, and then too soon relax and let it "leech" upon us again. In weighing and measuring material things, we are not satisfied with mere appearance or approximations, but we rigidly refer to fixed standards. And in matters of morals and of honor and honesty, in matters of public and private trust, there must likewise be adherence to firm, fixed standards—or we are utterly lost. Indeed, none of the things we most cherish in our way of life can survive without individual integrity. Efficiency is futile without integrity. Ability is but dross without integrity. Talent is tragic without integrity. All the products we can produce, all the men we can muster, all the forces we can put forth are unavailing unless we can trust ourselves. It costs much more than money to uncover acts of disloyalty or dishonesty. It costs confidence. And without confidence there is no peace or protection. It isn't only a public problem. It is a personal problem. In the words of Montaigne: "The corruption of the age is made up by the particular contribution of every individual man. . . ." There is no substitute for individual integrity. And without it there is no peace or safety or assurance.

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to both lists where it has been many times before. *Central States*, the new *West Central States*, *Northern California*, *Northern States*, and *Northwestern States* all were near the citation lists but were crowded out at the end.

LAMANITE GIFT CAMPAIGN

For the first time in ERA campaigns the Lamanite gift subscription plan made a sizable contribution with a total of 2814 gift subscriptions. In the first campaign which included Lamanite gift subscriptions, a few less than seven hundred were received. More than that total came this year from one stake—South Davis.

The record in the Lamanite gift subscription plan in this campaign, a most gratifying one even though only a few stakes participated, shows these results:

STAKES

1. South Davis, 721; 2. Rigby, 198; 3. South Los Angeles, 172; 4. Yellowstone, 160; 5. Los Angeles, 90; 6. South Carolina, 87; 7. Long Beach, 83; 8. North Rexburg, 83; 9. Minidoka, 78; 10. Moapa, 78; 11. Teton, 76; 12. South Idaho Falls, 71; 13. Maricopa, 62; 14. Timpanogos, 57; 15. North Davis, 55; 16. East Rigby, 44; 17. Millcreek, 43; 18. Lethbridge, 42; 19. Young, 39; 20. Murray, 37; 21. Florida, 36; 22. Star Valley, 35; 23. North Idaho Falls, 28; 24. Idaho Falls, 26; 25. New York, 23; 26. Oquirrh, 21.

MISSIONS

1. Central States, 26; 2. Eastern States, 13; 3. Southern States, 3; 4. Northern California, 2; 5. West Central States, 1.

STAKES WITH HIGHEST GAINS OVER LAST YEAR

With the announcement of a Special Citation to be awarded this year for the first time to the stake with the highest gains over the preceding year, the following list becomes especially interesting:

	Gain	Percent Gain
1. South Davis	1,518	266 (1)
2. Long Beach	581	126 (4)
3. Inglewood	565	84 (10)
4. Maricopa	519	169 (2)
5. Yellowstone	506	136 (3)
6. Moapa	398	95 (9)
7. Pasadena	338	121 (6)
8. East Los Angeles	312	74 (11)
9. Florida	207	125 (5)
10. South Carolina	181	103 (8)
11. Union	164	104 (7)

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THE ERA ONE-THOUSAND CLUB

Another new mark was established in stakes exceeding one thousand subscriptions. Such stakes become members of the mythical ERA "One-Thousand Club." The officers and members for 1951-52 are these:

Subscriptions

President, Southern States Mission, 4,627; First Vice President, South Los Angeles Stake, 2,262; Second Vice President, South Davis Stake, 1,998; Third Vice President, Long Beach Stake, 1,242; Secretary, Inglewood Stake, 1,214; Assistant Secretary, Phoenix Stake, 1,212; Treasurer, Mt. Ogden Stake, 1,043; Assistant Treasurer, Central Atlantic States Mission, 1,010.

THE FIVE-HUNDRED CLUB

With far too many names to list, the ERA "Five-Hundred Club" also reached a new high in membership. Fifty-five stakes and missions reached or exceeded five hundred subscriptions. The officers, all with

more than eight hundred subscriptions, are as follows:

Subscriptions

President, Great Lakes Mission, 912; First Vice President, Moapa, 907; Second Vice President, Yellowstone, 895; Third Vice President, Big Horn, 892; Secretary, Eastern States Mission, 878; Assistant Secretary, Maricopa, 860; Treasurer, Rigby, 811; Assistant Treasurer, North Davis, 805.

MEMBERS

Ogden, 798; Lethbridge, 791; South Idaho Falls, 772; Los Angeles, 771; Blackfoot, 728; Western Canadian Mission, 722; North Central States Mission, 713; Bonneville, 695; Weber, 690; Central States Mission, 667; West Central States Mission, 664; Liberty, 654; Mesa, 645; San Diego, 640; Hillside, 637; Minidoka, 630; Ben Lomond, 619; Park, 613; North Idaho Falls, 612; East Los Angeles, 608; Northern California Mission, 606; South Ogden, 586; West Jordan, 585; Ensign, 584; Northwestern States Mission, 582; Kolob, 576; East Central States Mission, 576; California Mission, 574; Texas-Louisiana Mission, 573; South Salt Lake, 571; Pocatello, 568; Murray, 564; Pasadena, 561; Star Valley, 556; North Rexburg, 535;

Glendale, 528; Seattle, 526; Sugarhouse, 523; Florida, 517; Wilford, 513; Union, 511; Grant, 504; North Jordan, 502; Tooele, 502; Boise, 500; Idaho Falls, 500; Wells, 500.

A word of explanation is in order here. Citations in the recent campaign were announced for the ten highest stakes in each category—total subscriptions and percent of quota. Also it was announced that ten stakes in each group would be honored. When a stake wins citations in both groups, both awards appear on the one citation. In order that a total of ten stakes shall receive citations under the established plan, for each double citation winner, another stake moves up and receives a citation even though it may not have been among the ten highest on either list.

This same rule applies in the missions, but because of the smaller number of missions, only four in each group are awarded citation honors.

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Japan. His wife is the former Jeanne Wright. The couple have two daughters and a son. Elder Gunn will be subject to call from the other committees to assist them with their art problems.

ELDER Wendell E. Adams, who becomes a member of the Scout committee, was born at Layton, Utah, the son of Elder and Mrs. J. S. Adams. He is a graduate of the University of Utah and holds his master of business administration degree from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. His Church activities have been in Layton, Berkeley (where he served as a member of the ward M. I. A. superintendency, and later as a member of the Mutual superintendency of the Oakland Stake), and Salt Lake City. He is now a member of the East Ensign Ward, Ensign Stake. His wife is the former Ramona Shepherd, and the couple have three sons and a daughter.

These Times

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the Department and Undersecretary of State, and as Ambassador to Mexico is well-known. Should three such men as Presidents McKay, Richards, and Clark appear in the leadership of any modern nation, business organization, or other society, the wisdom of the future would be apparent. What the choice could or may bring no man knows. But as Elder Whitney wrote thirty years ago:

The work of the Lord is always progressing, and consequently always changing—not its principles, nor its aims; but its plans, its instruments, and its methods of procedure.

In these times the men of this world, searching for an organizing principle, may be well advised to say:

... Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:2).

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Melchizedek Priesthood

Sevier High Priests Complete 1,081 Endowments in Single Day

EARLY last May the high priests of the three Sevier stakes, North Sevier, Sevier, and South Sevier, sponsored a full day of endowment work at the Manti Temple. Their goal for the day was one thousand endowments. The widows of high priests in those stakes were invited guests.

It took a great deal of cooperation and coordination between the ward genealogical committees, the priesthood quorums officers and committees, the temple presidency, and the temple officiators. And everything went as planned.

The day was a memorial for President John R. Stewart of the North Sevier Stake high priests' quorum. With the priesthood leaders representing the other two stakes, he had done much of the groundwork for this day. He suffered a heart attack and died before the excursion day. His first counselor, William G. Mason, who has since succeeded him as president of the quorum, completed North Sevier Stake's share of the arrangements.

To accommodate these Saints, President Lewis R. Anderson of the Manti Temple arranged for eight endowment sessions that day. These sessions were so arranged that three sessions could be comfortably taken, still leaving time in the day for the people to return to their homes in the agricultural districts for chore time. Between three hundred and fifty and four hundred members of the three stakes came to the temple that day. Many enjoyed the spiritual feast so much that they stayed for four endowment sessions. A total of 1,081 endowments were done.

All agreed that it was a joyous occasion, one which will not soon be forgotten.

WEBER ELDERS HAVE WORKABLE TEMPLE PROJECT

MEMBERS of the third quorum of elders of the North Weber (Utah) Stake residing in the Wilson Ward are justly proud of the accomplishments of their temple work project, which has been in operation for over eleven years and was directed by four quorum presidencies during that time.

Elder S. R. Cunningham, a member of the North Weber Stake high council in January 1940, charged the quorum presidency and members with the responsibility of doing temple work, while he was visiting the quorum. Quorum President Rulon Walker promised Brother Cunningham that an excursion would be made, even if he and his wife were the only ones to attend some months. (Brother Walker is now the first counselor in the ward bishopric.)

So was the humble beginning.

Over the years the quorum has sponsored a monthly temple excursion to either the Salt Lake or Logan Temple. Quorum members have provided transportation in their cars for all who cared to go to the temple on the appointed day. As many as forty-five persons have joined in the activity some months, including members of the ward bishopric, stake presidency, high

council, and friends of the quorum.

There have been times when it has been rather difficult to keep this fine record unbroken. Especially was this true during World War II when gas rationing required careful planning. Except for three months, an excursion was made, although on two other occasions, one couple only went to the temple.

Temple ordinances have been done for over ten thousand persons during the eleven years of quorum activity. Included in this total were endowments for their own kindred dead, names furnished by other members of the ward, and names taken from missionary lists at the temple. Many of the quorum members and their wives received their own endowments while participating in these excursions.

The project has brought a spiritual uplift to the quorum and has been a great joy and satisfaction to those who have participated, especially to the members of the respective presidencies who have guided the work over the years. Indeed, it has been a source of strength in the work of the quorum, in addition to rendering a great service to those who have passed to the beyond without opportunity to accept the ordinances of the gospel while in mortality.

A SEVENTY FOR OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS

This letter has come to our attention:

"Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico
"While I was living in Pima, Arizona, in 1886, Dr. Seymour B. Young, one of the presidents of the First Council of the Seventy, came and organized the 89th Quorum of Seventy in the St. Joseph Stake. I was ordained a seventy on March 21, 1886 by James R. Welker of that quorum. I was not yet nineteen and the youngest one in the quorum.

"In 1889 our family moved to Colonia Juarez in Mexico and a few years later Elder Brigham H. Roberts came and organized Quorum 99 in the Juarez Stake.

"I became a member, and now at eighty-four years of age I am still a member of the 99th Quorum and have lived in this stake over sixty years. I have been a seventy for over sixty-five years.

Sincerely,

"Joel H. Martineau"

THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

GOOD FOR IDAHO!

FROM the May issue of *The Idaho Challenge* we learn that a new liquor education set-up is created in Idaho. Mr. Mahlin S. Hansen is the governor's appointed head of the new set-up. He is director of Exceptional Education in the administrative Department of Law Enforcement. He has outlined what *The Idaho Challenge* says approvingly is an ambitious program directed at the prevention of alcoholism and narcotic addiction by community education. The Alcoholics Anonymous program will be used for rehabilitation. He is said to be well qualified to direct successfully such a program. Thus Idaho takes an important step forward.

WHAT THE KEFAUVER COMMITTEE FOUND

Public interest was greatly aroused by the findings of the U. S. Senate Crime-investigating committee, led by Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. *The Clipseet*, quoting from *The Christian Advocate*, published an interview with the senator in which he made surprising statements relative to his committee's findings. He is reported to have said that the investigations show that there is an appalling amount of gross income from immoral activities in the United States today. Much of this enormous income is derived from those least able to participate in gambling and other illegal activities. Estimates of the annual income from such illegal activities run as high as thirty billion dollars, which is about three-fifths of the national budget. The committee found much corruption of public officials by the underworld element. Further, the committee found all too little interest on the part of local people in seeing to it that their laws are enforced.

The senator said there is no doubt that the criminal element is becoming increasingly interested in politics and is acquiring greater influence in political circles, both local and national. However, the great responsibility for clean government devolves upon the local communities. It is there that honest and effective law enforcement officials must be placed and kept in office, supported by the good people of the community and continually scrutinized to see that the laws are enforced in the best possible manner.

The senator went on to say that most of our good people who want proper law enforcement are also members of our churches. If these people do not become aroused, very little will be done at the local level. He thinks it is upon such people that we must depend. Certainly he thinks they should be actively interested. We

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think so, too. Religion and morality should be inseparable. They are involved in the conduct of good government and good business and in the maintenance of high standards in the political and economic life of the country. Let all good people wake up and do whatever is feasible to eliminate the influence of the underworld in our economic and political affairs.

ALCOHOL, HOME, AND MOTHER

Under this heading *The National Temperance Digest* publishes a timely short article by B. E. Ewing which we herewith summarize:

The home has more to do with community and social welfare than anything else. Nowadays volumes are published about the great encompassing institutions and movements of society, relative to the field of economy, political ideologies, peace, and war. But the home does more to mold society than all other institutions combined.

While the home is kept pure, the nation is kept sound.

If America goes down, the real cause will be the demoralization and breakdown of the American home.

Formerly Dad pursued his wayward

A famous doctor said:

Tobacco-smoking induces a dreamy, imaginative, and imbecile state of mind, produces indolence and incapacity for mental exertion, and sinks the victim into a state of careless or maudlin inactivity and selfish enjoyment of his vice.

career to the detriment of the family. Income suffered and necessities were denied. "Pop" set a bad example for the boys, but usually Mother could be counted on to keep things straight. What a heroine she was!

But repeal homes are different. The hand that rocked the cradle clutches the cocktail glass. Arrests of women for drunkenness have multiplied under repeal. The alcoholic wife and mother is a far too common sight.

A police chief saw a fifteen-year-old girl leave a tavern. He knew her and her family. Shocked, he brought the intoxicated girl home to her mother at two o'clock in the morning. Mother, having just come in, berated the chief for the indignity he had heaped on her daughter in bringing her home. The mother insisted the girl should be allowed to learn about life herself.

Mix together the lack of discipline, the irresponsible attitude of thousands of parents, and the social acceptance of liquor in the home, and you have a sickening combination almost impossible for youth to beat.

But not all homes are in that category. There are thousands of Christian homes where sobriety, virtue, honesty, goodwill, obedience, and non-use of narcotics are taught and practised. Pray that they will multiply and thus continue to be the seasoning, saving element in America.

READABLE QUOTES

Dr. Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the *Journal of National Educational Association*, says, "Drinking in moderation is not the solution of our liquor problem. It is the main cause of that problem. . . .

"The Christian who takes his liquor in moderation is pretty apt to take his religion in the same way. . . .

"Alcohol takes the equivalent of 11,500 persons off the job for two hundred days a year. . . .

"Throughout the campaign for the repeal of prohibition, advocates of repeal promised solemnly and repeatedly that the evils of the old saloon would never be allowed to come back. Viewing conditions today, it goes without saying that NO PROMISE HAS EVER BEEN MORE COMPLETELY DISREGARDED! . . .

"The welfare of our nation has been sold down the river by the greedy, profit-hungry liquor-trust. Not only has the saloon returned, but it has been brought back in greater numbers and in a treacherous new design which serves to broaden its corruptiveness. The drab swinging doors and sawdust floors have been replaced by bedazzling neon lights, plush carpeting, and modish interior decorating—all of which is calculated to entice new victims into alcoholic addiction."

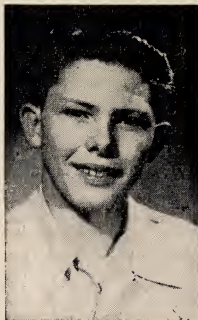


JAMES
NELSON

JAMES, recently ordained an elder and filling a mission in New Zealand, established the very best attendance record possible while coming up through the quorums of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Since James was ordained a deacon at twelve, and until he became an elder at nineteen, he maintained a perfect attendance record at priesthood meeting, sacrament meeting, Sunday School, and Y. M. M. I. A.

Elder Nelson is a member of the Glenwood Ward, Alberta (Canada) Stake.



DARRELL
WELBY
WARREN

Darrell is well on his way to another "very best" attendance record. Since he was ordained a deacon in September 1947, he has had a one hundred percent attendance record at priesthood meeting, sacrament meeting, Sunday School, and Y. M. M. I. A.

Darrell is loyal to his presiding father, Bishop Welby S. Warren, president of the Aaronic Priesthood, Mapleton Ward, Kolob (Utah) Stake.

These are two remarkable records, and we commend these two young men for their faithfulness and for their good example in attendance at Church meetings.



The Presiding

How to Keep Up-to-Date in Aaronic Priesthood, Adult Members of Aaronic Priesthood, and Ward Teaching Programs

SURVEYS and observations reveal the disappointing fact that a great many leaders, both stake and ward, in the Aaronic Priesthood program, in the program for adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood, and in ward teaching are working with committee organizations and procedures out-of-date years ago.

In the Aaronic Priesthood program, for instance, some leaders come forth with the handbook issued in 1941. Others still go by the 1943, 1947, 1949 handbooks. The latest handbook was published January 1, 1949, revised January 1, 1950.

Is it any wonder there is difficulty with the programs in some areas?

There is a remedy for this unfortunate situation. However, as with the medicine prescribed by the physician but never taken, so with the remedy for this "out-of-date" illness—if never "taken," how can the patient recover?

Notice of program changes, success ideas from all over the Church, announcements of new or revised supplies are published each week on the

Presiding Bishopric's page in the "Church Section" of *The Deseret News*, and each month on the Presiding Bishopric's page of *THE IMPROVEMENT ERA*. Every stake and ward in the Church could keep up-to-date on every feature of these three programs if committees on both levels would follow the order of business for their respective meetings which suggests full consideration of all such information.

Thus items and procedures in handbooks due for revision would be immediately recast if leaders would read, study, and adopt the suggestions and information currently appearing in the above-mentioned publications.

Unified procedure in all three programs suggests that each stake committee consider, in its respective council meeting, the items in which it is interested, and determine what should be done in each case, then go before ward leaders prepared to set the suggestions in motion.

We cannot overemphasize this matter. We are depending upon stake and ward leaders to follow through on these suggestions.

Leaders—Adult Members

Tuning the Soul for the Master's Touch

THE SOUL of man is the greatest instrument in the world. It is capable of producing the sweetest music, the richest and loveliest chords. It is more sensitive than the finest Stradivarius. When properly attuned, it becomes the instrument of the Master and when He plays upon it, the harmonies are so divinely sweet and tender that the hosts of heaven stop to listen. The same instrument in the hands of the enemy of righteousness produces terrifying results and fearful discords.

The objective of the program for the adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood is to lift the human soul from him who delights in discord and prepare it for the Master's touch. It is the duty of those who work with adult members to consider each soul, each fine instrument, to brush from it the dust of despair and procrastination; to take away the strings of

Think it Over

*If you would lead boys—
Be the kind of leader you loved
when you were a boy.*

—L. A. P.

doubt, fear, envy, and jealousy with their resultant discords and replace them with those of faith, hope, humility, and love; to adjust the tuning keys of prayer, service, and diligence, that the soul may be in perfect attunement and then to put it in the hands of the Savior, its rightful owner.

When the soul of man is in tune, the Master's touch produces magic strains of divine music which lifts it and guides it upward to exaltation in the kingdom of God.

There are many noble instruments awaiting the loving service of you who are advisers to the adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood. You are the master tuners. Great souls await your loving ministrations that the Master may play upon them the beautiful harmonies of life.

Bishoprie's Page

Prepared by Lee A. Palmer

Adult Leaders

Vision, Purpose, Objectives Essential to Success

KNOW where you are going and then go there. A man who doesn't set his course, like a ship that has no destination, is liable to end upon the reefs. People are not generally impressed or moved to action by the meanderer whose course is altered by every gentle breeze, who sets out to ski at Sun Valley and somehow ends up picking oranges in Florida.

The purpose of any interview or speech is to get a desired reaction or reactions from the listener or the one interviewed. Generally, the purposes of speech are to inform, impress, convince, persuade, or entertain. The group adviser should have in mind what he wants to accomplish over a long period of time and what he wants to accomplish with the specific visit, and plan the interview or the lesson accordingly. He should decide which purpose or combination of purposes should be aimed at, and plan his presentation to get the desired reaction.

Having the goal in mind is not the only important thing. The power, the force, the determination to reach it are just as essential. It is just as profitless to aim carefully and try to shoot with an empty gun as to shoot aimlessly with force at the side of a mountain.

Group advisers, don't let your interviews be aimless, haphazard conversations, but plan your work and work your plan. Get worthy objectives in mind in making your contacts with adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood and then give the firing force and power necessary to penetrate the shells of indifference and lethargy, and lift the souls of those with whom you work.

A CHALLENGING TEACHERS QUORUM RECORD



TEACHERS QUORUM, DOUGLAS WARD, BONNEVILLE STAKE

It's something to be proud of when fifteen out of sixteen teachers qualify for the Aaronic Priesthood Individual Certificate of Award: The sixteenth member came into the quorum too late in the year (1950) to make it a perfect individual award record.

Robert C. Deon is president of the quorum with Carl P. Worlsey and Stanley T. Hammond as counselors. Ralph Lee and Joseph S. Savage are the energetic and faithful quorum advisers.

From this group of young men came the Explorer basketball team which won the desirable All-Church Sportsmanship Trophy for 1950.

SMITHFIELD STAKE PRESIDENCY RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE AT PRIESTHOOD MEETING



Thirty-seven bearers of the Aaronic Priesthood from the Smithfield Stake were recently recognized and honored by Stake President George L. Rees and his counselors, Stanley F. Griffin and Morris L. Hansen, for having maintained a perfect attendance at priesthood meeting during the year 1950.

The stake presidency inaugurated the program in January 1950, and thirty-seven perfect attendance records was the result.

Seven boys were absent when the picture was taken.

Here is more proof that "it can be done" when leaders lead.

INGLEWOOD STAKE ENTERTAINS ADULT MEMBERS OF AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

One hundred and fifty adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood (below) were recent guests of the Inglewood (California) Stake committee in a social which still calls up special memories of the lovely evening of fellowship and entertainment.

The program consisted of the showing of films depicting the trek of the Mormon pioneers across the plains in 1847 and highlights of the 1950 football classic of the Los Angeles Rams, addressed by members of the stake committee, duet by Bishop and Mrs. Fay X. Bybee (right), Centinela Ward, and the ever popular refreshments.

Another worthy example that "It can be done" when leaders lead.



"MY PALS!"

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How Much We Expect of Mothers

RICHARD L. EVANS

IT is amazing how much we expect of mothers, and how much they are of all that we expect. There is no career so demanding, no profession so filled with diverse duties. First of all they offer themselves as sacrifice to bring us into the world. We expect them then to nurse and nurture us, to be our first teacher, to tell us of life and of its moral and spiritual and material truths. We expect them to clothe and feed us, to guide us and guard us, to listen to our long stories, to cherish our hopes, to keep our confidences, to fall in with our moods, to take on our troubles, to understand our sorrows; to be the buffers between us and our misunderstandings with others; to be the restrainers of our over-enthusiasm, and the encouragers of our days of despondency, and to have the answer to all our problems. We expect them to beautify our homes, to welcome our friends, to be the gracious hostess, the lovely lady, to be cateress and shopping consultant, to know the price and the value of almost everything—and to be all this and to do all this on a limited allowance. We expect them to be young and modern, yet wise with the wisdom of age; to set before us an example of virtue and patience and high qualities of character, and to live a life of unselfish service; to be doctor and nurse, the seamstress and the servant in the house; to do the menial and manual things and yet stay lovely and alert—to do all this with their hands and with all their hearts. All this and much more unmentioned we expect of mothers. Sometimes we take them for granted in the years of our youth. It seems that they have always been there, and we assume sometimes that they always will be. But for most of us, before we have lived through life, we see still hands that once were seldom still and listen for sounds that are silenced, for sounds that once softened every pain, and for songs that once were sweetly sung. And then there grows upon us an awareness of how much we have expected of mothers. Some, fortunately, have mothers with them yet, to show them love and appreciation in the present. But some of us must now remember "the still sweet fall of music far away"—with faith that there shall come a time when we can see and say to them once more what we have been holding in our hearts.

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By Beulah Huish Sadleir

A GARDEN spider wove a web of dainty filigree:
It was a lacy ladder, from rose to Crabapple tree.

All day he spun it back and forth—
While the sun made golden fire.
His was incredible craftsmanship,
And he built from his heart's desire.

THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

Brigham Young and the Transcontinental Telegraph Line

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The high cost of telegraphic service prohibited its widespread use for commercial purposes at first. A ten-word message from Salt Lake City to New York City cost \$10.00 during the first week of operation, \$7.50 for the next year or two, and \$6.75 until 1869, after which the prevailing rate was \$5.50. The charge had declined to \$1.50 by 1880.¹⁴

The contributions of the Church and its members to the telegraph industry did not end with the construction of the transcontinental line. On the very day communication was opened between Salt Lake City and the East, Brigham Young and the Church leadership were planning the construction of a north-south territorial line connecting all settlements, which was to run more than a thousand miles. This line became the Deseret State Telegraph. It was a Church-sponsored cooperative project in which thousands of "temporal missionaries" played an important part in its creation and operation. It remained in the hands of the Saints until February 1900 when it was sold to Western Union.

¹⁴Bancroft, Hubert Howe, *History of Utah*, 1540-1886, San Francisco: The History Company, Publishers, 1889, p. 771. Also Neff, op. cit., p. 730; Thompson, op. cit., p. 369; *Deseret News*, 28 Sept. 1869.

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7. Dr. David Starr Jordan, first President of Stanford University, educator, author, and naturalist:⁸

"None of the created 'new species' of plant or animal I know of would last five years in the open; nor is there the slightest evidence that any 'new species' of field or forest or ocean, ever originated from mutation, discontinuous variation or hybridization."

8. Sir Ambrose Fleming, internationally famous physicist, President of the Philosophical Society of Great Britain:⁹

"Note certain qualities in the human species, not the smallest trace of which appears in the animal

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⁸David Starr Jordan, *Science*, October 22, 1922, p. 448.

⁹Sir Ambrose Fleming, *Evolution or Creation?* London, p. 75.

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species. Thus, no animal has ever made any weapon or tool to help its bodily endowments. It fights with teeth and claws, horns, tusks, or hoofs. But it makes no military weapon of any kind. Nor has any animal made a tool—spade, rake, knife, hatchet, axe, or saw. No animal makes itself any artificial dress, hat, or coat, shoes, or ornament to improve its appearance; nor does it dress or arrange the hair on its head. But all of the very earliest humans do these things. No animal had discovered how to produce fire or even to maintain it. . . . The animal mind or intellect is static or limited. It never progresses beyond a certain point. On the other hand, the human mind is extremely progressive, self-educative, and assimilative. Uncultured races of men brought into contact with more advanced races, quickly adopt their achievements, customs, modes of thought, and habits. . . . Animals have not developed the powers of speech or rational thought."

9. T. H. Morgan, zoologist, educator, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and numerous other organizations:"

"It seems to me that the idea that ancestral stages have been pushed back into the embryo, and that the embryo recapitulates in part these ancestral adult stages, is, in principle, false."

10. Dr. Karl Vogt, of Geneva, German zoologist; associated with Agassiz in preparation of his work on fishes:"

"This law which I long held as well-founded, is absolutely and radically false."

11. Professor Adam Sedgwick, eminent embryologist of England:"

"After fifty years of research and close examination of the facts of embryology, the recapitulation theory is still without satisfactory proof."

12. Sir Arthur Keith, President, Royal Anthropological Institute:"

"Now that the appearance of the human embryo at all stages is known, the general feeling is one of

⁹T. H. Morgan, *Evolution and Adaptation*, p. 83.

¹¹Arthur I. Brown, *op. cit.*, p. 17.

¹²Adam Sedgwick, *Darwinism and Modern Science*, p. 174.

¹³Sir Arthur Keith, "The Human Body."

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disappointment; the human embryo at no stage is anthropoid in appearance."

13. Herbert Spencer, philosopher:

"The facts of paleontology can never suffice either to prove or disprove the developmental hypothesis."

14. Professor L. T. More, already cited, quotes Charles Darwin:

"The belief in natural selection must at present be grounded entirely on general considerations. When we descend to details, we can prove that no species has changed; nor can we prove that supposed changes are beneficial, which is the groundwork of the theory."

In his *Origin of Species*, Darwin wrote:

"Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory of natural selection."

15. William Bateson, English zoologist:

"So we went on talking about evolution. That is barely forty years ago; today we feel silence to be the safer course. . . . Discussion of evolution came to an end because it was obvious that no progress was being made. . . ."

16. Dr. J. A. Thompson, scientist, educator, and author:

"We are more keenly aware than in Darwin's day of our ignorance as to the origin and affiliation of the greater classes. . . ."

Clearly the theory of evolution has added nothing to our understanding of the beginning of things. The ancient view that God is the Creator of all things is still the best, because it is true.

¹⁴Herbert Spencer, *Illustrations of Universal Progress*, p. 376.

¹⁵Major E. C. Wren, *Evolution Fact or Fiction?* London, pp. 93-94.

¹⁶*Ibid.*, pp. 91-92.

¹⁷*Ibid.*, p. 89.



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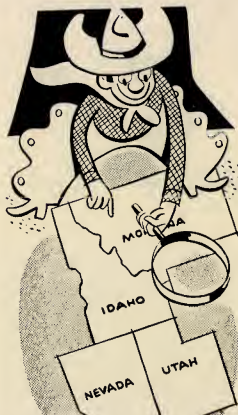
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Inexpensive Hobbies

(how to use your mind instead of your money)

By Lydia Lion Roberts

"**H**OBBIES are so expensive!" said a friend of mine. "Either the cost of materials is too high or books and courses for training take more time and money than I can afford."

But her best chance for a hobby was growing right under her eyes, if she had realized it. The owner of a greenhouse had given her a plant which was considered difficult to raise, and here it was, blooming on her window sill. Here was her opportunity for an exciting and inexpensive hobby of almost unlimited uses. This woman was the kind who could tuck a little shriveled stick into a bottle of water, and after she gave it a few tender pats and a daily word of encouragement, the twig would perk up its little head and grow. It was so easy for her to grow plants that she overlooked the possibilities of this real talent. By talking to friends and greenhouse attendants concerning plant problems she might have built a worthwhile hobby of first aid to ailing plants.

The problem of an inexpensive hobby was tackled in a successful way by a woman who wished to study something about house plans and interior decoration but found books and training on the subject would exceed her slender budget. Rather than give up, she put her mind to the problem and began to make a self-help library by sending for government pamphlets and bulletins available free or for a small cost. Also she watched the magazines for articles pertaining to building and decorating and filed these away by subjects in folders. Advertisements often offered free booklets and advice on her hobby, and she took advantage of many of them. Before long she was taking her own course on interior decoration and trying out many of the

suggestions for herself and her friends in practical ways.

Hobbies are fun if built upon simple materials at hand. Simple materials like shells and stones, seeds and sticks have been mixed with ideas and ingenuity with surprisingly successful results. In a seaside town, a young woman collected shells of various kinds and sizes and began to make little scenes with them for table and mantel ornaments. The trunks of trees and stems of tiny shell flowers were made from white or colored



pipe cleaners. The base of a tree was a large shell, and on it stood tiny figures of animals and people made from other shells. Bits of cardboard were added for heads or tails, with features painted on for faces. Miniature airplanes also were made entirely from different sizes of shells. Her unique and funny scenes and figures attracted such attention her hobby became a business.

A different way of using shells was found by another girl who liked to take camera pictures. She began specializing on still life pictures, but grew tired of using ordinary things. One day she was admiring a large shell, and the idea came to her that a picture of it enlarged would be beautiful. She began to study how to make close-

ups of shells in various positions. Later her unusual pictures became noted, and she found her hobby held unlimited satisfaction for her.

The daily newspaper may be the source of many pleasant hobbies at very small cost. How many people know anything about the hundreds of newspapers published in other cities, states, and nations? An exchange of these dailies or weeklies might enlarge anyone's contacts and interests. A visit to the newspaper room of a public library would give addresses of publishers, and a few cents would be the only cost for an unusual home library covering hundreds of places.

An amusing hobby was built up by one person who watched magazines and papers in a public library, reading through them to find "breaks" or mistakes that occur in print and make ridiculous or funny reading. Eventually she not only had a scrapbook full of these which she had copied down, and always had a joke to tell, but she also found a market for some of these humorous mistakes and gained both fun and profit from her simple, spare-time, inexpensive hobby.

The common pot holder found in almost all kitchens started one housewife with spare time on an interesting trail. Once she started looking, she was amazed at the many kinds she found. Some holders were lovely patterns of crocheting, patchwork, sewing, embroidery, and block printing. There were holders with designs to represent hearts and flowers, lanterns,

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apples, and other fruits, and one was an ear of yellow corn made in yarn. Others had smiling faces outlined on them, and one intricate holder showed the design of a cottage with roof, chimney, and window boxes full of flowers at little windows, all in gay colors. An interesting holder was brought from the Grenfell mission in Labrador, and a much prized one was an heirloom from a great-great-grandmother. It was made of tiny scraps of silk and satin, featherstitched together and bound with ribbon. Eventually this hobbyist had a collection of over a hundred pot holders, all numbered, with a corresponding number in a notebook and a brief note about their associations. This inexpensive hobby led to many interesting contacts and letters, even to a new trail across the ocean.

When there is the time and inclination for a hobby, don't look in your pocketbook but look into your mind. It is more fun to use common things in uncommon ways, or to take little journeys around the yard, dig into a junk pile, or experiment with using pins, paints, pictures, or pans in clever combinations. These simple hobbies often bring interesting adventures, and enlarge one's world.

Homemaker's Bookrack

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Lessons in Eating

for young people away from home

Summer Menus

It is estimated that the average person requires between sixty and seventy grams of protein a day, or, to be specific, one gram for every 2.2 pounds of body weight. These menus for summer are compiled to be adequate in protein without meat by the generous inclusion of milk, eggs, cheese, peas, beans, and nuts. Those who wish to include meat will likely make substitutions for some of these foods.

The menus are given without regard to calorie (energy) needs; increased servings, additional butter, and perhaps some sweets will need to be added for many people. The menus are intended only as an indication, not a rule.

Protein intake in summer meals may be increased, if desired, without adding meat. One way of doing this would be to add powdered milk to many baked dishes, soups, and sauces. Powdered soybean milk, where available, is also an excellent protein and may be used to make delicious drinks or added to baked goods. Brewer's yeast furnishes three grams of protein in a tablespoon (as well as being an excellent source of B vitamins) and may also be used as a supplement in food preparations; however, it has a distinctive flavor and cannot be used in large amounts. Generous use of fresh fruit, greens, whole grains, legumes (and using raisins, prunes, molasses, etc., in place of white sugar) will insure adequate iron.

(Abbreviations: T.—tablespoon; t.—teaspoon; c.—cup; oz.—ounce; sl.—slice; half & half—half milk, half cream.)

MONDAY

Breakfast:	Amt.	Grams Protein
fresh grapefruit juice	8 oz.	1.2
whole grain waffles	2	14
butter	1 T.	.1
brown- or raw-sugar,* syrup, or honey		0.
egg	1	6.1
milk or milk Postum	8 oz.	8.5
		29.9

Lunch:		
toasted cheese sandwich on whole wheat		
cheese	1" cube	7.1
bread,	2 sl.	4.2
green pepper wedge		.3
fresh fruit cup (apple, banana, orange)	1 c.	1.4
milk, buttermilk, yogurt	8 oz.	8.5
		21.5

Dinner:		
green lettuce-parsley-tomato salad (half tomato)		.8
lemon juice-vegetable oil dressing	3 T.	.2
cottage cheese	3 T.	8.1
potato in jacket	1	2.4
green beans, creamed	½ c.	4.4
cauliflower	½ c.	1.4
fresh peaches	½ c.	.4
cream	¼ c.	1.6
		19.3

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN

70.7



TUESDAY

Breakfast:	Amt.	Grams Protein
fresh orange juice	8 oz.	2.0
cracked wheat	¾ c.	4.4
raisins	2 T.	.4
half & half	½ c.	3.9
toast, whole wheat	1 sl.	2.1
butter	1 t.	0.
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		21.3

Lunch:		
salad: avocado	¼ pear)	
tomato	½)	
cheese	2 T.)	7.4
watercress		
French dressing	3 T.	.3
rye crisp—butter	2 sl.	1.6
milk	8 oz.	8.5
prune whip	½ c.	1.9
		19.7

Dinner:		
cream tomato soup	½ c.	4.1
egg omelet	1 egg	6.8
peas, fresh green	½ c.	3.9
carrots	¼ c.	.3

*Numbers refer to footnotes at end of article.

coleslaw with	1/2 c.	.8
almonds	1 T.	1.6
pumpkin pie	4" wedge	5.5

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 64.0

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast:		
tomato juice	1/2 c.	1.6
shredded wheat biscuit	1	2.9
half & half	1/2 c.	3.9
dates, chopped	1/4 c.	.9
egg, scrambled	1/4 c.	6.1
toast, whole wheat	1 sl.	2.1
butter	1 t.	0.
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		26.0

Lunch:		
fruit salad: apricots	3	1.1
banana	1/2	.6
pineapple	1 sl.	.5
romaine		0.3
peanut butter sandwich		
peanut butter	1 1/2 T.	6.3
w. w. bread	2 sl.	4.2
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		21.5

Dinner:		
salad: 1/2 tomato, 3 slices cucumber, 3 small green onions, 1 leaf lettuce		1.7
sour cream dressing	2 T.	.6
corn on cob	1	2.7
turnip greens (or other)	1/2 c.	2.1
sweet potatoes	1	2.6
cheese, cheddar	1" cube	7.1
strawberries	1/2 c.	.6
oatmeal cookie	1	2.3
		19.7

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 67.2

THURSDAY

Breakfast:	Amf.	Grams Protein
grapefruit	1/2	.9
brown rice with wheat germ	3/4 c.	3.0
chopped figs	1 T.	1.0
half & half	1/2 c.	3.9
toast, whole wheat	1 sl.	2.1
pear	1/2	.5
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		22.3

Lunch:		
tomato-egg salad on watercress: tomato	1	1.5
egg	1	6.1
mayonnaise, homemade	1 T.	.8
toast, whole wheat	1 sl.	2.1
stewed plums	3	1.2
oatmeal cookie	1	2.3
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		22.5

Dinner:		
pineapple-cottage cheese-lettuce salad: pineapple	1 sl.	.5
cheese	3 T.	8.2

lima beans	1/2 c.	4.0
summer squash	1/2 c.	.6
broccoli	1/2 c.	2.5
fresh fruit-nut dessert:		
raspberries	1/2 c.	.7
dates, chopped	1 T.	.2
Brazil nuts	3	2.0
cream	3 T.	.9
		19.6

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 64.4

FRIDAY

Breakfast:	Amf.	Grams Protein
fresh peach	1	.5
oatmeal	3/2 c.	3.6
raisins	2 T.	.4
half & half	1/2 c.	3.9
French toast:		
bread	1 sl.	2.1
egg	1/2	3.0
milk	2 T.	1.0
	8 oz.	8.5
		23.0

Lunch:		
cream asparagus soup	3/4 c.	7.1
powdered milk added	2 T.	5.4
crackers, w. w.	3	1.6
carrot sticks (1/2 carrot)		.3
peanut and pear salad on green lettuce:		
nuts	2 T.	4.8
pear	1	1.1
fruit dressing	2 T.	.5
molasses cookie	1	.5
		21.3

Dinner:		
vegetable pie	3/4 c.	4.8
kidney beans	1/2 c.	7.3
raw cauliflower sections	1/2 c.	.8
French dressing	2 T.	.2
fresh apricots	3	1.1
banana milk shake		
milk	8 oz.	8.5
banana	1/2	.6
		23.3

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 67.6

SATURDAY

Breakfast:	Amf.	Grams Protein
fresh blackberries	1/2 c.	.8
cream	1/4 c.	1.6
pancakes, w. w.	3	7.5
butter	1 T.	.1
apple butter	1/4 c.	.4
milk	8 oz.	8.5
		18.9

Lunch:		
split pea soup	1 c.	6.4
crackers, w. w.	3	1.6
apple-banana-nut salad on watercress: apple	1/2	.2
banana	1/2	.6
pecans	2 T.	1.4
fruit dressing	2 T.	.5
cornmeal muffins	2	7.0
carrot juice (2 carrots, rough estimate)	6 oz.	1.2
		18.9

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Delicious Sandwich Filling you make in 4 minutes



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Some morning soon when you're faced with a lunch box or two to fill—and not much time—try this sandwich idea. It's simple as can be, and so quick to fix! Usually makes a hit with youngsters and grown-ups alike. Here's how to make:

4-Minute Sandwich Filling

1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese	1/2 cup chopped ripe olives
1 to 2 tablespoons milk or cream	Dash Tabasco sauce
	Salt to taste

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Dinner:			
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toast:			
sauce	½ c.	8.2	
toast	1 sl.	2.1	
beet greens	½ c.	1.4	
baked potato	1 med.	2.4	
carrot-raisin salad	½ c.	.6	
lemon-honey dressing	3 T.	.2	
custard	½ c.	6.5	
powdered milk added	2 T.	5.4	
		26.8	

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 64.6

SUNDAY

		<i>Amt.</i>	<i>Grams Protein</i>
Breakfast:			
pineapple juice	8 oz.	.7	
yellow corn meal	½ c.	1.3	
half and half	½ c.	2.6	
toast, whole wheat	1 sl.	2.1	
milk	8 oz.	8.5	
egg, soft-boiled	1	6.1	
		21.3	
Lunch:			
lettuce-tomato sand-			
wich	1	5.2	
milk	8 oz.	8.5	
banana-nut salad:			
banana	½	.6	
nuts	2 T.	2.2	
lettuce	1 leaf	.3	
mayonnaise	1 T.	.8	
		17.6	

Dinner:			
nut roast,* small serv.			10.0
cream sauce	¼ c.	2.6	
steamed collards	½ c.	3.7	
potato cakes (1 med. potato)			2.8
grapefruit-avocado-date salad on en-			
dive:			
grapefruit	¼	.45	
avocado	¼ c.	.6	
dates	1 T.	.2	
bran muffin	1	4.5	
raspberry whip:			
berries	¼ c.	.4	
egg white	¼	.8	
cream	2 T.	.3	
whole wheat cake (1 medium piece)			3.5
			29.8

TOTAL DAILY PROTEIN 68.7

*nut roast:	lentils	¼ c.	4.6
	filberts	2 T.	2.6
	celery	4 T.	.3
	egg	¼	1.5
	milk	2 T.	1.0
			10.0

*When sugar is used in very small amounts, there is perhaps little advantage, except for flavor, in choosing the natural product. Dark sugar contains small amounts of calcium, phosphorus, and iron not found in white sugar.

*The case for yogurt, a fermented milk product, has yet to be established in this country. Many European authorities present it as a superior milk food in maintaining intestinal health. It will be discussed in future articles.

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THE TECHNIQUE OF A WHITE SAUCE

CREAMED eggs—creamed soups—cheese rarebit—vegetable soufflé—these are all simple dishes to make, and afford much opportunity to vary the menu.

Here's how:

For a thin sauce: 1 tablespoon flour, 1 tablespoon fat, 1 cup milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

For a medium sauce: 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons fat, 1 cup milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

For a thick sauce: 3 tablespoons flour, 3 tablespoons fat, 1 cup milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

Method I: Melt the fat (butter, oleomargarine, or shortening) in saucepan. Blend in flour and salt.



Add cold milk all at once, place over low heat and stir till the sauce thickens. Lumps will disappear as the milk gets hot.

Method II: Mix the flour and salt with two or three tablespoons milk. Add this mixture to remainder of milk, add fat, and cook over low heat until thickened. Stir constantly.

Cheese Sauce:

Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated cheese to the sauce after it is cooked. This is most effectively done by removing white sauce from direct heat and adding cheese gradually, stirring constantly. The cheese will not go stringy unless the sauce is too hot. Return to heat, if necessary, to completely melt cheese. Serve on cauliflower, broccoli, or other green vegetable.

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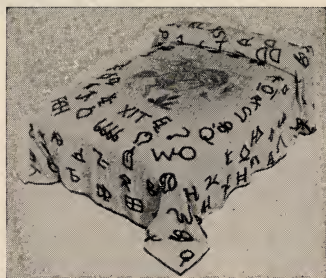
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The Technique of a White Sauce

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Parsley Sauce:

Add 2 or 3 tablespoons chopped parsley to white sauce after it is cooked. Season with a little onion juice, if desired. Pour over cooked potatoes.

Cream Gravy:

Substitute meat drippings for other fat used in the white sauce recipe. Use method I, allowing flour and fat mixture to brown before adding milk.

Tomato Cream Sauce:

Cook together 1 cup canned tomatoes, ½ cup chopped celery, 2 tablespoons minced onion, and ½ teaspoon salt for about 20 minutes. Add gradually to white sauce, stirring constantly. Two or three slices chopped, crisply-fried bacon will add flavor.

Creamed Soups:

Pour 1 cup cooked vegetable pulp and juice into 1 cup thin white sauce and stir until blended. Some vegetables which make good creamed soups are tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, peas, onions, celery, string beans, spinach.

Vegetable Soufflé:

- 1 tablespoon each minced onion, chopped green pepper, chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons each melted fat and flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup milk
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup diced, cooked vegetables
- ¼ cup dry bread crumbs

Brown the onion, green pepper, and celery lightly in melted fat. Mix in the flour; add milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Pour this mixture into beaten egg yolks. Then add vegetables, salt, and bread crumbs. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into first mixture. Pour into an oiled baking dish and bake in medium-slow oven (325° F.) about 50 minutes, or until set. Serve with tomato sauce or white sauce. (For cheese soufflé, omit vegetables and bread crumbs and add 1 cup grated cheese.)

Creamed Eggs and Fish:

Make two cups medium white sauce and when thickened add 3 hard-cooked eggs, quartered, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and 1 cup cooked or canned fish. Serve hot on toast.

Cheese Rarebit:

2 cups medium white sauce
1 tablespoon minced onion
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry mustard
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups grated cheese
1 egg, beaten

Add onion and mustard to the flour and fat mixture when making the white sauce. When sauce is thickened, remove from heat and stir in cheese, gradually. Pour a little of sauce into the beaten egg, stir, then pour all back into the sauce. Stir and cook over low heat 2 or 3 minutes, until cheese is melted. Serve on toast or crackers. (Add two cups cooked kidney beans for kidney bean-cheese rarebit.)

Egg and Potato Scallop:

2 cups medium white sauce
2 tablespoons minced parsley or watercress
6 medium-sized cooked potatoes, sliced
4-6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 cup soft whole wheat bread crumbs

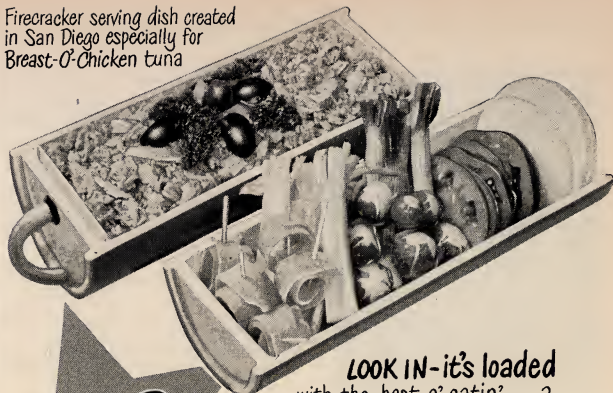
Add parsley or watercress and salt to thickened white sauce. Place alternate layers of potatoes and eggs in oiled baking dish and pour white sauce over the top. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 or 20 minutes, or until crumbs are browned. Serves 6.

Carrot and Orange Soufflé:

1 cup thick white sauce
4 eggs, separated
1 cup raw grated carrot, firmly packed
1 tablespoon minced onion
1 teaspoon orange rind

Beat egg whites until stiff. Slightly beat egg yolks and mix with carrot, onion, and orange rind. Pour white sauce slowly over yolk mixture, stirring constantly. Fold yolk mixture into whites. Pour into oiled casserole. Set in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 45 minutes, or until set. Serves 6.

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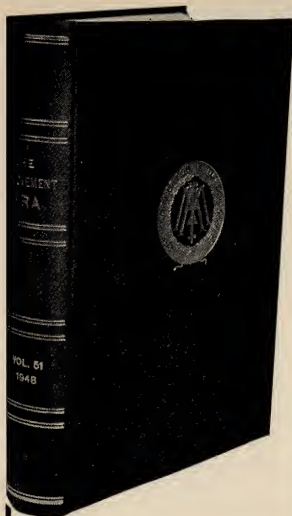
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The Church Moves on

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from Visalia Branch, with Elder Louis W. Jones as bishop. Branches and their presidents are: Avenal, Elder Henry Ihnen; Coalinga, Elder Reed J. Beckstrom; Dinuba, Elder Carlos O. Beckstead; Exeter, Elder Darwin Gubler; Los Banos, Elder Kent M. Crosby; West Fresno, Elder Francisco Carrillo; Tulare, Elder Paul J. Hixon, and Hanford, President L. R. Parker. The stake has a membership of over 2750. Elders Harold B. Lee and Henry D. Moyle directed the organization of the stake. There are now 185 stakes in the Church.

Lawndale Ward formed from portions of Centinella Ward, Inglewood (California) Stake, with Elder William Woodrow Bullock as bishop. New bishop of Centinella Ward is Elder Bud A. Layne. Both bishops were counselors to the retiring bishop of Centinella Ward, Fay X. Bybee.

Who Penned the Declaration of Independence?

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copy that Thomson had to place in the journals of Congress. He fastened it in with red sealing wax. At that time it had been signed only by John Hancock, then President of Congress, and countersigned by Thomson, the secretary.

Thomson knew that Matlack was a penman of an engrossing hand. There were not many his equal. Washington's secretary was a fine penman, Richard Varick by name. Alexander Hamilton wrote a finer hand than any one of them, but there was beauty in Matlack's capital letters, and his penmanship was clear. So Thomson called upon Matlack to copy the declaration for signatures. He copied from the broadside in the journal.

Matlack made many famous entries in the journal; one of them General Washington's commission to be commander-in-chief of the army. Authorities have compared both documents and know they were written by Matlack.

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"THOSE WERE THE TWO HAPPIEST YEARS"

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explaining their mission. While Sister White was talking, she prayed that the Lord would direct them, and while she talked she knew that Sister White must be praying because words flowed from her mouth before she had time to think what would come next. As they talked, the gracious lady became serious, tears started streaming down her face.

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A feeling of joy and gratitude swept over Laurie that she had never felt before. The many rejections that they had had previously were forgotten, and Laurie knew that from now on she would strive

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Integrity and Example

RICHARD L. EVANS

ON THIS question again of personal integrity, as one of the ancient philosophers observed: "Where we wish to judge of weights, we do not judge at haphazard; where we wish to judge what is straight and what is crooked, we do not judge at haphazard." We use standards. And if we wish to judge honesty, including our own, we must not judge haphazardly. There is a line of demarkation between what is and isn't honest—and the difference between the two isn't merely a matter of prevailing practice; it isn't merely a matter of what other men do or don't do. And yet it seems we sometimes seek to justify ourselves in doing what we know we shouldn't do on the grounds that others are doing what they shouldn't do. It seems we sometimes set about to blind our own eyes to our own weaknesses by watching the weaknesses of others. In the words of Thomas à Kempis: "We often do a bad act and make a worse excuse." Example is contagious, but if the bad example of others were to justify us in our own adverse actions, we could justify ourselves in almost anything simply by selecting the example we want to watch. We could justify ourselves in lying, cheating, swindling, betraying, deceiving, simply by saying to ourselves that others are doing as bad or worse, so why shouldn't we? We can always find a bad example to follow if we will. But there are also honest and honorable examples. And how can we condone following the wrong ones when we could just as well be following the right ones. The fact that wrong things are being done offers no actual excuse for any of us. The things we shouldn't do, we somehow know we shouldn't do—and there is ample evidence, from the present and the past, that it doesn't matter who, or how many, engage in popular or prevailing malpractice, following a bad example offers us no peace or protection—or justification. "Life is short, and truth works far and lives long: let us speak the truth"¹—and live the truth and not seek to justify ourselves in doing things the wrong way by citing the example of others who have done things the wrong way.

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"Those Were the Two Happiest Years"

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diligently to serve her Heavenly Father to the best of her ability, for she remembered the passage in the Doctrine and Covenants that reads:

And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me! (D. & C. 18:15-16.)

Her prayers had been answered, and that night was the beginning of her spiritual diary, and she knew that this was the beginning of her "two happiest years. . . ."

The Editor's Page

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Spirit. God does reveal today to the human soul the reality of the resurrection of the Lord, the divinity of this great work, the truth, the divine and eternal truth, that God lives, not only as a power, an essence, a force—as electricity—but as our Father in heaven. Oh, why do men try to make that power, recognized by science and religion everywhere, a mere "force!" I sometimes wish that such men would kneel down and try to pray to electricity. Imagine trying to pray to electricity! You can not do it, and yet this is one of the greatest known forces. You can, however, pray to God the Father, a Personal Being. God reveals to the soul his existence. He reveals the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came to earth to give to men the great reality of the existence of God and his Son; and in that spirit and with such witness in my soul I bear testimony today that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world.

God help us and all the world to sense the reality, that the gospel of Jesus Christ is established among men, and through obedience to it the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man may become realities to every son and daughter of Adam. God hasten the day when that testimony will be real in every heart.

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High Scouting Award

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multitude that he thought the program was divinely inspired. And he took advantage of the excellent opportunity to tell briefly what the Church is doing with scouting.

For some time Elder Benson felt the need of a professional scout, hired and paid by the national council, to direct the L.D.S. Relationships Service. He worked persistently with the national officers until their approval for such a position was secured. Then he worked with other Church officials to select and recommend the man for the job. After considering every professional L. D. S. scout, D. L. Roberts, executive of the Ogden Area Council, was chosen. Scouter Roberts had already been considered for another position on the national staff and his record was well-known. His recommendation was immediately approved. And another big step forward in scouting in the Church was taken.

There is much more to tell about Elder Benson and what he has done and is doing both for scouting and for the youth of the Church. But there is no finer example of the spirit he has for the program than that displayed by his family. He is married to Flora Smith Amussen. They have six children, four girls and two Eagle Scout sons. Reed A. and Mark A. are following in the footsteps of their father. They had the advantage of getting into the scouting program as boys, the opportunity that never came to Elder Benson.

Sister Benson goes to many scouting functions with her husband, proudly wearing two miniature eagles. But on many of his trips it is necessary for her to stay at home with the family.

"The Church and its program, including scouting, means more than anything else to us," she explains. "We like to have Brother Benson home with us, but we know that when he is away he is working for the good of others. So we carry on as a family as best we can and wait for his return."

It is because Elder Benson has spent his life "working for the good of others," and especially the youth, that he now wears the Silver Antelope.

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Your Page AND OURS

Dear Editors:

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IT was a pleasant surprise to receive copies of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA for January and February in the mail today. Serving at this particular post in Japan can be very dull, and the need for good literature is always great. We have a good library, but there are too few books and magazines offering spiritual guidance. Often I have scanned the shelves seeking the type of articles and stories that appear in this wonderful magazine, but to no avail.

Since the arrival of mail this afternoon, I have never laid the ERA aside until just a moment ago when I began to write this letter of appreciation. I find so many familiar names and places mentioned that it is just like being home and talking to friends.

Sincerely,

Stc Forrest D. Hall.

Dear Editors:

Casablanca, Morocco, Africa

FEW months ago I have got the first copy of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA. Brother Hugh T. Law of Sandy who met with me in Paris one year ago was so kind and subscribed me this magazine.

I am refugee, Czech origin, and the reading in English is hard for me; however, I read your magazine with pleasure because the articles are really very interesting.

Because I shall migrate to Australia at second March, 1951, I would request that next copies of the ERA be mailed to the following address: Vladimir Vincourek, c/o W. Solar, 441 St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne S.C., Victoria, Australia.

I am looking forward to meet with your magazine in my future home. With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Vladimir Vincourek

Dear Editor:

Norwalk, California

I SHOULD like to tell you how very much we enjoy reading the ERA. It is so interesting and inspiring!

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Mary A. Self

NEW CRAFTS ARE LEARNED BY GIRLS

"LET each girl learn at least one new craft," said the president of the Snowflake Stake M.I.A. Stake and ward leaders took up the slogan and the girls responded with enthusiasm. The results have been a busy and a happy winter and a fine display of creative handiwork. Some of this work is shown in the display below.

Stake leaders in charge of the work are Zella Larson and Alice Gardner.

Bee Hive Girls, Mia Maids, and Junior Gleaners of the Snowflake Stake with Stake Y.W.M.I.A. president examine their display of handicraft. From left to right seated, Sherre Rogers, Gussie Schenider, Joycelynn Hatch, Della Warner. Standing: Nena Flake, Mable Porter, Marie Jackson, Carma Smith, Annis J. Flake, and Sandra Hatch.



THE LIGHT TOUCH

MATRIMONY: One state that permits a woman to work eighteen hours a day.

One Sure Thing

"I hope you don't think me too young for marriage with your daughter?" said the young man anxiously.

"That's all right, my boy," was the cheerful reply. "You'll age fast enough."

High Cost of Living

A young father, watching his son gazing into space, said, "A penny for your thoughts, Son."

"Well, to be honest, Daddy," he replied, "I was thinking of a dime."

Something to Cry Over

A little boy at school for the first time was sobbing bitterly. The teacher inquired: "What's the matter, Tommy?"

"I don't like school, and I have to stay here till I'm fourteen," sobbed Tommy.

"Well," said the teacher, "don't cry. I have to stay here until I'm sixty-five."

Point of View

One man said television is all right if you look at the world through a waffle iron.

Wanted—New Invention

A housewife wants to know why somebody doesn't invent a hollow cake of soap, so that when the bar is used up there won't be those annoying little pieces left.



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